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Portfolio

£42,000 to be won

There is £42,000 *available to be* won in The Times Portfolio competition today. Last week's £20,000 prize was not won, so that is added to this week's £20,000, making a total of £40,000. And there is the daily prize of £2,000 also available.

Yesterday's prize was shared by *three winners.* Mr Jack Caldwell of Coulsdon, Surrey; Mrs Valerie Haggie of Haslemere, Surrey, and Mr Richard Roope of Canning Town, London, each received £666.66. Portfolio list, page 28; prices changes, information service, back page.

Reagan and Kohl make arms cuts a priority

President Reagan and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany issued a joint declaration yesterday calling for improved East-West relations, strengthening of Nato's conventional defences, and an intensified search *for nuclear arms* reductions.

The declaration was issued after talks at the White House, the first in a series of discussions the United States is having with Japan and its European allies before exploring the possibility of reopening *nuclear arms negotiations with* the Soviet Union early next year.

President Reagan said yesterday he pleased "a high priority on the search for a responsible means of reducing the arsenals of nuclear weapons that threaten humankind".

110 killed in Sri Lanka

Eighty people were killed on two farms in northern Sri Lanka during attacks by Tamil separatists. The dead were apparently former prisoners settled on half-acre homesteads. Later, troops were said to have killed 30 rebels Page 6

Heath outburst

Mr Edward Heath accused Mrs Thatcher in a television interview last night of taking undue risks with Britain's social stability. He also criticized the decision to cut student grants.
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Strangler jailed

A man who strangled his three young daughters because his wife was unfaithful was found guilty of manslaughter and jailed for six years Page 3

Cyprus hope

The Turkish Cypriots opened the way to a possible breakthrough over the divided island's *future* by *offering* big concessions in a UN peace plan Page 6

Polish deaths

Two senior police officers leading the investigation into the murder of pro-Solidarity priest Father Jerzy *Popieluszko* were killed *in a road accident yesterday.* *Earlier story, page 5*

Terror threat

The Muslim extremists who claimed they killed Percy Norris, the British diplomat, in Bombay also claimed responsibility for yesterday's bomb attack on a British Airways office in Beirut. More attacks were promised.

Train off rails

A British Rail express split in half yesterday and five carriages were derailed. BR has launched an inquiry into the *incident* – the second this week. Page 3

Belgrano inquiry

Scotland Yard has been called in to investigate the disappearance of logs from HMS Conqueror, the submarine that sank the *General Belgrano* during the Falklands conflict Page 2

Free banking

Midland Bank's decision to offer free banking to customers with a £100 minimum balance will put pressure on *other* big banks to follow suit
Family Money, page 26

'Trustees not fit to be in charge of other people's money'

NUM assets and funds under receiver's control

- The High Court has appointed a receiver to control the NUM's funds and assets, effectively removing the union's three top officers as trustees
- Mr Herbert Brewer, the receiver, was preparing last night to leave for Luxembourg to seek the release of £4.38 million of the mining union's funds
- Mr Neil Kinnock, at a Labour rally in Stoke last night repeated his condemnation of violent coalfield militants saying: "You disgust us all"
- A murder inquiry was launched after the driver of a taxi carrying a working miner was killed when a concrete block was thrown from a bridge

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A receiver was appointed by *the High Court last night to take* control of the National Union of Mineworkers' funds and assets after claims that the union's trustees, including its three most senior officers, were "not fit and proper persons to be in charge of other people's money".

The receiver, a Derbyshire solicitor, was appointed after the granting of an order by Mr Justice Mervyn Davies, the effect of which will also be to *remove the five NUM trustees,* including Mr Arthur Scargill, Mr Michael McGahey and Mr Peter Heathfield, president, vice-president and general secretary.

The action was started, after being initially postponed until next Thursday, after Mr William Stubbs QC, appearing for the union, said he was unable to give the judge assurances that the union would submit to the court's jurisdiction.

NUM lawyers announced that they would seek an urgent appeal against the ex parte order, which could be heard over the weekend if a Court of Appeal can be constituted. Their application to Mr Justice Davies for the order to be suspended until Monday morning was rejected.

The receiver, Mr Herbert Arthur Brewer, was planning to go to Luxembourg immediately *to seek the release of £4.38m of* the union's £8m funds held in a bank.

Lawyers representing working miners who brought yesterday's action say the aim is to repatriate the money so that it can be properly invested for the benefit of members.

Earlier, the union had given assurances that it would not seek to move the money from Nobis-Finance International

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until after the working miners' action was heard in the High Court next Thursday. But after complaints from Mr Howard Page, representing the four partners in Price Waterhouse, who are acting as sequestrators, that the assurances were worthless the judge asked for assurances about conduct.

"Today for the first time the defendants have appeared in court and have reaffirmed their undertakings to the court. I take the view that those undertakings would be of value only if, in future, the defendents will submit to the jurisdiction of the court and not defy it in the way that they have in the past," Mr Justice Davies said.

After a ten-minute adjournment during which lawyers took instructions from officials, in*cluding Mr Heathfield, and Mr* Roger Windsor, chief executive, Mr Stubbs said it was impossible to give assurances because one of the trustees, Mr Scargill, was travelling to Stoke-on-Trent for a Labout Party rally with Mr Neil Kinnock.

He said that he would be able to reply to the judge on Monday.

Mr Oliver, for the working miners who are mainly from Nottinghamshire, said actions *of the Union's trustees had been* "to continue serious and deliberate contempts of orders which place the funds that they hold for the union in jeopardy."

The sequestors, who have been appointed to seize union funds to pay a £200,000 contempt fine, have obtained £8,174. *In addition to the* money in Luxembourg, £2.78m had been frozen in Dublin and £503,000 was in Zurich.

Mr Oliver said the three senior officials had embarked on a concerted course of action since before the strikes started last March to hide union funds *from British courts. The money* had travelled from Sheffield by various routes to the Isle of Man, Dublin, New York, Zurich and Luxembourg. The officials were leaving the union's funds open to jeopardy

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The taxi in which Mr Wilkie died and the lump of concrete that was pushed off the bridge.

Stop all violence, says Kinnock

From Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent, Stoke-on-Trent

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, last night warned the coalfield militants, wherever they were, whoever they were: "The violence has got to stop and stop now, for as you endanger others you debase the cause and you disgust us all."

Mr Kinnock, who was sharing a platform with Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, for the first time since the Durham miners' gala in the summer, was earlier booed and his name greeted with cries of "*scab*", "*traitor*" *and* "Judas" from one section of the audience at the town hall in Stoke-on-Trent.

In contrast, Mr Scargill, who arived late at the meeting because of his London court hearing, was announced to a massive roar of approval.

Mr Kinnock told the rally that they were meeting "under the shadow of an atrocity."

He said no more at the meeting about the death of Mr David Wilkie in South Wales yesterday, but he said that violence was not controlled or ordered or wielded by any organization. "It is the action of individuals."

Mr Kinnock then told his audience: "Violence will not bring victory; violence is the main barrier to victory."

But he also had an appeal for the nation and a message for Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

He said: "Look behind the scenes of violence, hear the case for coal. Ask yourselves why your fellow countrymen and women are showing such endurance in spite of poverty and terrible pressures."

The case for coal was the case for the whole country when coal provided 75 per cent of the country's industrial energy needs.

The Government had failed to face those realities, and had failed to provide a basis for ending the strike, Mr Kinnock said. Sixty million tons of coal had been lost and it had been estimated that the financial costs of the dispute alone ranged from £2,500 million to £4,500 million.

Against that background, the plan to cut back production to shut the twenty or more pits, *and to wipe out twenty thousand* jobs should be withdrawn.

Taxi driver carrying miner killed by concrete slab

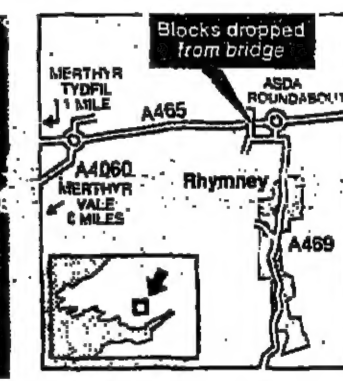
From Tim Jones
Merthyr Tydfil

More than 120 South Wales detectives were involved in a murder inquiry yesterday after a taxi driver taking a working miner to his pit was killed when a block of concrete thrown from a bridge smashed through the windscreen of his vehicle.

The police said last night that three men were helping them with their inquiries.

The dead man was named as Mr David Wilkie, aged 35 (right), whose common law wife, Janet Reid, is expecting a baby at Christmas. He also leaves two children, a daughter Claire, aged 12, and a son Jason, aged 5. Last night Mrs Reid who has only one kidney, was in hospital suffering from shock.





Mr David East, the Chief Constable of South Wales, said: "The dead man was a taxi driver engaged on his lawful business of earning a living by taking a fare – a miner who wanted to go to work as he is perfectly and lawfully entitled to do so.

"This is not industrial action. This is not picketing. This is murder."

The target of the attackers, Mr David Williams, of Rhymney, mid Glamorgan, was sitting in the back seat of the taxi, escorted by a police convoy of two cars and a motorcycle outrider when the ambush took place.

Although Mr Williams, aged 35, was said yesterday to be deeply shocked, his wife Carol said he would be reporting back to work at the pit on Monday.

The attack came before dawn as Mr Wilkie was driving Mr Williams to the Merthyr Vale pit six miles from his home where 250 pickets were waiting for him and another working miner.

The taxi travelled on the same route that it had used for the last 10 days and as Mr Wilkie's taxi careered out of control on to the embankment the police saw two figures running from the bridge. Mr Wilkie was dead before an ambulance took him to hospital.

Two months ago, Mr Viv

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Telecom staff rush for free shares

By Jonathan Davis

All but 8,000 of British Telecom's 230,000 employees have opted to become shareholders in the newly privatized corporation, ignoring a trade union campaign urging them to boycott this week's record-breaking *government* share offer.

Figures disclosed yesterday show that more than 95 per cent of Telecom workforce has decided to take up some or all of the free and cut-price shares on offer to them in the £3,900 million flotation, which closed on Wednesday morning.

The outcome is bound to delight Government ministers, who have been keen to ensure the widest possible employee involvement in the BT privatization. Ten per cent of the 3,000 million shares on offer this week were reserved for the workforce, mostly on highly favourable terms.

The enthusiastic response means that British Telecom will start life as a private sector company with what is almost certainly the biggest corps of worker shareholders of any business in Western Europe.

According to Hill Samuel, the City merchant bank responsible for handling employee share applications, 222,600 forms were returned requesting shares.

Of these, 38,900 opted for £70 worth of free shares. Another 183,700 were attracted by the Government's offer to give them two free shares for every one they bought.

On top of this, 64,000 Telecom employees – more than one in four – have also decided to buy extra shares at 90 per cent of the public offer price.

Meanwhile, the two million or more members of the public who applied for shares in Telecom are expected to be given a broad indication this weekend of how many shares they stand to receive.

Because the share issue was oversubscribed, it is expected that those who applied for the minimum number of shares will receive what they asked for, but those making bigger applications will receive only a fraction of their requests.

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Hawke set for easy *win today*

From Alan Hamilton
Sydney

Australia goes to the polls today for the second time in less than two years, with Mr Bob Hawke's Government seemingly assured of another term.

A last-minute opinion poll yesterday predicted 90 seats for Labour and 58 for the Liberals. In the previous Parliament, Labour had 75 to the Liberals' 50. Redistribution of seats means the new Parliament will be bigger.

Labour still has little chance of gaining control of the Senate, where the polls predict only a 40 per cent share of the seats for the Government. The balance of power is likely to be held by minority parties.

Although the Liberal-National coalition faces another three years in opposition, the personal standing of its leader, Mr Andrew Peacock, has risen substantially since his appearance in Monday's televised *debate with the Prime Minister.* His chances of retaining the leadership have improved.

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Thatcher delighted by summit success

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Mrs Margaret Thatcher hailed yesterday the "new atmosphere of co-operation and constructive discussion" between France and Britain at the end of what British sources described as the most relaxed *and friendly summit meeting* between the two countries since she became Prime Minister five and a half years ago.

As the Prime Minister herself pointed out at the final joint press conference with President Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace, it was the first bilateral Franco-British meeting *which she had* attended, which had not been dominated by discussion of the EEC budget, thanks, she said, to the "excellent agreement" at Fontainebleau.

She paid a special tribute to the personal role played by President Mitterrand in reaching that agreement.

M Mitterrand was far less effusive in his comments at the press conference, referring only *to the "constancy" of the* relations between the two countries, and otherwise restricting his remarks to a detailed summary of the joint projects which had been discussed.

Mrs Thatcher went on to speak of the progress made during the summit in four areas of co-operation between the two countries: defence, energy, industry and the Channel Tunnel, which merited a special joint declaration of its own.

In the declaration, the two leaders said that they "recognize the potential importance of a cross-channel fixed link as an element in the great European transport network, and consider that such a link would be technically feasible and financially viable".

Turning to the EEC, the prime Minister said that 1984 was a very important year for the Community as it had set out to tackle two critical underlying problems, first finance and now enlargement. If a final decision could be reached on enlargement at the Dublin summit, it *would mark "a wonderful year* of achievement for the Community," she said.

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Polish investors take the slow boat to Rotterdam

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

With the usual dockside clatter, hooting and whistling, the slow boat to Rotterdam steams out of *Gdynia stuffed to* the gunwales with bright-eyed Poles. Some of them carry suspiciously heavy cases, others clutch suspiciously empty bags.

After a week-long cruise, the boat will dock again in Poland. Those with lumpy luggage will have started a *new life* in Hamburg or Holland, the survivors will have returned with videos, carpets and oranges *to* be sold on the black market.

In Poland, a cruise has little to do with relaxation, developing suntans or picking up *cocktails* served by white coated stewards. A cruise is either a short cut to riches or a relatively uncomplicated way of defecting to the West. It is above all an investment.

Over the past fortnight some 400 Poles have jumped ship: 192 from the venerable *Stefan Batory,* 110 from the Rogalin and 126 from a car ferry. West German border police say that since the beginning of last year 1,374 Poles have defected while their cruise ship has been docked *in Hamburg or* Travemünde.

Package tour groups do not have to wait for months for Western visas and it is quite simple to obtain a passport, so they are an attractive proposition for would-be defectors. The hulking, ageing liner *Stefan Batory,* can cater for over 600 passengers as it steams its way around the Canary Islands (at a cost equal to three years' average wages), to North America or on short hauls to Rotterdam via Hamburg. It is often difficult to obain a berth and money must change *hands a few times before the passenger is safely* on board.

But it is easy enough to spot the two substantial categories of passenger – the defector and the speculator – as they bounce up the gangway.

The defector often has members of his close family with *him, plus some of* his prized belongings, and he displays none of the carefree drinking habits of the holiday-maker.

A stewardess on the *Stefan Batory* was recently asked for her method of detecting defectors: "This chap asked me to wash and press his shirt before the evening, *before we* docked in the West. Well, I'm not stupid – what's the hurry? I told him I knew what he was up to and he could wash his own shirt. Didn't surprise me when he didn't come back."

The black market speculator, of the ordinary Pole who is hoping to cover the cost of his cruise by judicious dealing, is a different matter altogether.

When Polish ships dock in Hamburg they are frequently met by German wholesalers with mini-buses who drive them immediately to carpet or

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Yard is called in over missing log books of Falklands submarine

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Metropolitan Police has been called in to investigate the disappearance of control room logs from HMS Conqueror, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, said yesterday, after the failure of a naval board of inquiry to locate the six documents covering much of the Falklands war during which the submarine sank the cruiser General Belgrano.

The board, a captain and two commanders on the staff of Admiral Sir William Staveley, Commander in Chief of the Fleet, also failed "to identify a proven explanation for their disappearance".

But Mr Heseltine disclosed in a Commons written answer that the three-week inquiry had found that proper procedures for the safe handling and custody of control room logs had not been followed "for many months", including between March and October 1982, covered by the missing logs.

The police investigation, headed by Detective Chief Superintendent Ronald Hardy, Scotland Yard's unofficial "mole" hunter, is under way, the Director of Public Prosecutions office said last night.

In addition a "specially-constituted team" of senior naval officers will carry out further searches for the logs, which contain a full list of signals sent to London by the Conqueror before and after the Belgrano sinking.

Mr Hesltine, who received the findings of the naval board on Thursday, said there were several possible causes for the log's loss. Although there was no proof they ever left the submarine, they could have been "inadvertently destroyed" after the Conqueror returned to Devonport or lost in transit between the MoD records office at Hayes.

"They could also have been... deliberately and unlawfully destroyed although there is no evidence to suggest this; or removed as souvenirs or for the assumed political or financial value".

Mr George Foulkes, a Labour frontbench spokesman and leading critic of the Government's handling of the Belgrano affair, said the report implicated the Government in a major cover-up. It requires an extraordinary imagination to believe the board's report."

While the ministry claimed it did not know where or when the logs were lost, Mr Foulkes said he understood all logs and documents were delivered intact to the ministry "after the most extensive debriefing of the crew." "The Government is reponsible for the log and it is reprehensible that they should blame individual crew members for its loss."

Mr Denzil Davies, Labour's chief defence spokesman, said Mr Heseltine's failure to find the log "is as cowardly as it is extraordinary". "Is he now washing his hands over the matter or is he going to pursue it with the same kind of zeal as he did with the cases of Sarah Tisdall and Clive Ponting?"

Pit strike: How the receiver works

Union to lose control of money

By Ian Griffiths

The receiver appointed by the court to take control of NUM funds and assets will take effective charge of its finances. Although accountable to the court and charged with carrying out its wishes, he will hold the union's purse strings.

His first task will be to bring under his control all assets. He flew to Luxembourg last night to initiate proceedings to return funds there.

The appointment is until next Thursday when the receiver must report to the court. If he can confirm that he has achieved control of funds and assets the court will decide his next move.

He could given the job of managing the union's assets, in which case he will have a much wider impact on the NUM. The receiver would be able to control all union payments and be responsible for collecting money paid to the union.

Once the receiver has control it will be possible for the sequestrators to fulfil their obligations.

This type of appointment is very unusual. This kind of receiver would normally be appointed where there is a disagreement within a partnership.

The appointment also differs from the traditional commercial receivership where the receiver is appointed, normally by the banks or other creditors, to run a company

Yesterday's court ruling does not mean that the NUM is being wound up.

Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes: Dr Simpson, a lecturer in labour law at the London School of Economics, said it was not certain that the receiver would obtain an money. He would need the cooperation of the banks who might refuse to hand over the funds, if they are in the names of the three officials previously in charge

Dr Simpson said the latest move did not spell the death of the union. The area branches could operate because they were separately registered

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13 die since the start

By Rupert Morris

Thirteen people who were either involved in the coal industry or connected in some way with the miners' strike, have died since the beginning of March. Although several of the deaths can be directly attributed to the coal strike, others have a more tenuous connexion.

March 14: David Jones, aged 24, a picketing miner, collapsed and died after being crushed on the picket line outside Ollerton colliery.

March 20: Thomas Milburn, aged 51, a safety engineer, was killed by a runaway wagon underground at Dawdon colliery, co Durham. He was investigating a rock fall, a task described by the coal board as "outside his normal duties".

March 26: Ian Tanner, aged 25, was found hanged at his home in Peterlee, co Durham. His father said he had been branded a "scab".

May 17: Joseph Pollard, aged 53, died after being struck by a runaway truck at Whitwick colliery, near Coalville, Leicestershire.

June 15: Joe Green, aged 55, a miner from Knottingley, near Castleford, Yorkshire, died after being knocked over by a lorry at Ferrybridge colliery.

June 21: James Clay, aged 33, a working miner from Sneyd Green, Stoke-on-Trent, committed suicide in his garage after receiving threatening telephone calls.

August 24: John Wildman, aged 36, of Cartbridge, Cotgrave, was crushed to death by a hydraulic support while working at the coal face at Cotgrave Colliery, Nottinghamshire.

September 8: Paul Womersley, aged 14, died while picking up coal after an embankment collapsed at Upton, near Wakefield, Yorkshire.

October 5: Jack Whitehurst, aged 56, a working miner, was crushed by falling coal at Wolstant, Staffordshire.

November 18: Paul and Darren Holme, aged 14 and 15, died when a railway embankment collapsed as they were digging for coal at Goldthorpe, Yorkshire.

November 28: PC Bob Reynolds, community constable at Chesterton, Cambridgeshire, died of a heart attack in a bus on his way back from a picket line in Kent.

November 29: Trevor Prince was crushed while moving supplies underground at Littleton Colliery, Cannock, Staffordshire.

Drama on the M23: how the gang got away with £300,000

Six held over digger raid on security van

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Detectives investigating a £300,000 armed robbery in Surrey in which a security van was attacked with a mechanical digger were last night questioning six people after raids in London.

Four men and two women were taken to Reigate police station and further arrests were forecast in an investigation into a robbery which was both bizarre and highly organized. The gang involved in the attack on Thursday at the northern end of the M23 from Brighton left £1 million behind, because, it is thought, they were running behind schedule.

The robbery took place as the Brinks-Mat security van was leaving the motorway to join the A23 on its way to one of the firm's depots in London. The gang struck on the dual carrage slip road between the motorway and the A23 near Merstham.

A hijacked garage larry used to tow commercial vehicles was ahead of the security van. It pulled out to overtake a digger on a two loader which had also been hijacked and the low loader then drove deliberately into the side of the lorry.

The security van was suddenly blocked in as a red transit van pulled up behind. The driver got out, went over to the low loader, started the digger and smashed it into the Brinks-Mat vehicle, forcing the crew of three out.

The gang, clutching £300,000, fled to at least one getaway vehicle on the A23 and made off.

Yesterday the owners of the recovery lorry and the digger revealed that their vehicles were deliberately lured to the area of the robbery before the gang hijacked them. In each case they were ordered for jobs which did not exist.

The 32-ton recovery lorry was ordered from Twyford Commercial in south London earlier this week. Mr Douglas Twyford said yesterday that the man ordering the recovery vehicle claimed to be the owner-driver of an articulated lorry which had broken down on the A23.

Mr Twyford said he had sent a lorry down to take the broken-down vehicle to Harlow for £160 cash. But his driver was flagged down at Gatton Bottom, near Reigate, and the lorry was taken over.

After the robbery, on Thursday afternoon, Mr Twyford believes the gang tried to tell his firm where to find the driver, who had been handcuffed and hidden in a van left at Coulsdon, Surrey. A mysterious telephone caller told Twyford's office that their vehicle was at Coulsdon, but the call was dismissed as a hoax.

The digger was hired on November 13 from Heathrow Plant in west London.

The firm was sent a banker's draft for £800 and they were told the digger should arrive at a road at Buckland near Reigate late in the morning.

The west London firm subcontracted the job to a firm at Wembley, north London.

Parkinson back in by-election campaign

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former Tory Cabinet Minister, returned to the political arena yesterday to support his party's candidate in the Enfield Southgate by-election.

He defended the Government's plans to cut student grants which have provoked a serious backbench rebellion among Conservative MPs.

Mr Parkinson, MP for Hertsmere, said the proposal to abolish the minimum grant and raise parental contributions was "perfectly justifiable".

But the Liberal/SDP Alliance claimed that outrage felt by traditional Tory supporters over the scheme might prove great enough to allow them to snatch the seat from the Conservatives on December 13.

Mr Parkinson was making his first appearance in a by-election campaign since his resignation from the Government 13 months ago

He said he was joining the Conservative effort in Southgate because his former constituency of Enfield West had included part of it. The Tory candidate, Mr Michael Portillo, had been one of his advisers in government.

On student grants, Mr Parkinson said: "It is bound to be a shock if you have to pay for something you were previously getting free.

The Liberals estimated that Southgate, with its unusually high proportion of professional and managerial classes and people in the 40-50 age group, is probably one of the constituencies most affected by the proposals.

Their candidate, Mr Tim Slack, is trying to overturn a 15,800 Conservative majority

The former headmaster of Bedales School, aged 56 predicted that if the Government was not defeated on the issue in the Commons next Thursday, then the people of Southgate "will have something to defeat the Government on" when polling takes place a week later.

Steel attacks 'ruinous' cost of Trident

By Our Lobby Reporter

Britain's national security is under direct threat from the "ruinously expensive" Trident programme, Mr David Steel, said last night.

In his most outspoken attack to date on the nuclear weapon project, the Liberal party leader gave a warning that the escalating cost of at least £10,000 million now put essential conventional projects at risk of cut-back, postponement or cancellation.

Mr Steel, who was addressing the Borders nuclear freeze council, described Trident as the "albatross around Mrs Thatcher's neck".

Students pelt Joseph with eggs

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, had eggs thrown at him and was spat at by students when he visited Wakefield College, West Yorkshire, yesterday.

About 300 students gathered outsied the college entrance to protest at Sir Keith's plan to cut £39m from student grants. As he arrived, a missile was hurled at his car and struck the windscreen but he was unhurt.

When Sir Keith later left the college for an annexe, the police scuffled with demonstrators who had hemmed him into a courtyard. Several eggs were thrown but missed their target.

One placard carried by a demonstrator said: "140 Tory MPs can't be wrong – this time".

Before Sir Keith arrived the Union Jack outside the college was lowered to half-mast by students. It was later removed by staff. Sir Keith had been in the building only a few minutes when students set off the fire alarm.

Despite the protests the visit proceeded as planned. Sir Keith was shown around the college by Mr Ken Ruddiman, principle of the college.

After the visit Sir Keith said: "I do not like upsetting colleagues, naturally, and I hope to be able to persuade them to take into account some of the factors that perhaps I have not managed to being out vividly enough, which led to this redeployment of money."

He said he would be meeting MPs on Tuesday but admitted he did not expect to convince everyone.

Sir Keith sid he was unable to reconsider the situation: "I would not have done this if I had the resources to do it some other way."

He added that he was unimpressed by the reception he had received from the students. He said many were not from the Wakefield College and he doubted whether some were students at all.

He said the demonstration showed how little some students were benefiting from higher education at the taxpayers' expense.

Sir Keith admitted that under the new financial arrangements some students may not be able to finish their courses.

But he added: "I have to balance that against the certainty that unless some noney is redeployed there will be very important scientific, medical, engineering and environmental research, the outcome of which might benefit this country and humanity, that might not be done by very talented people.

He said that students in danger of having to abandon a course should consider trying to find part-time work.

● Conservative MPs left Westminster last night to face their constituencies after the furore over the Government's planned squeeze of student grants (Our Lobby Reporter writes).

More than half of the Conservative backbench strength have now signed Commons motions criticizing Sir Keith's plan as "misconceived".

Many have already been inundated with letters and telephone calls from irate parents faced with finding up to £700 extra to support a child at university or colleges from October.

One MP said: "It is all building up in a pretty ugly way."

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Ulster believes flags Act will not be repealed

The repeal of Northern Ireland's controversial Flags and Emblems Act, which effectively prevents the flying of the Irish tricolour in Ulster while declaring the union flag inviolable in any circumstances, is not thought by Stormont sources to be likely in the immediate future despite an assurance from Mr Nicholas Scott the Under Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, in the Commons on Thursday that it would be considered.

There is speculation in Belfast that the Government may make an early move to repeal the Act which is an unsought and embarrassing inheritance from the former devolved Northern Ireland government

Sale room

Venetian laquerwork bureau fetches £220,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

When the Venetians imitated Oriental lacquerwork they really went to town with sinuous curves, landscape or floral cartouches, carving and gilding, and their skill yesterday was endorsed by a bid of £220,000 (estimate £70,000-£90,000) for a bureau cabinet.

It is an exceptionally fine example with a red ground of *lacca povera*, as Venetian lacquer is called. Giltwood figures representing the seasons preside from the top corners, while the architectural cornice swirls up between them, into a mirrored cartouche, surmounted by a papal shield.

The papal arms no doubt explain why so much care was lavished on this piece with its elegant landscape panels, but the price goes far beyond what is normally expected for grand Venetian furniture. The buyer chose to remain anonymous but also splashed out £143,000 (estimate £80,000-£120,000) to secure a tremendously ornate pair of gilt-bronze, hardstone and ebony cabinets.

Sotheby's had not dared to suggest a nationality for the cabinets. The colourful vases of hardstone flowers look Italian, the crisply swirling patterns of gilt bronze look French, but the best bet is that they were put together in England around 1820.

The other sensational item in the sale was an octagonal Savonnerie carpet, almost certainly one of the 121 carpets commissioned by Louis XIV for the Palais du Louvre

It is known that two carpets woven for the Galerie d'Apollon in the mid 1660s had octagonal medallions corresponding to the vaulting of the ceiling and this could be a section from one of them. It went for £104,500 (estimate £80,000-£120,000) to Alexander and Berendt, the London dealers.

Tass escapes fine but gets contempt ruling

The white collar engineering union, Tass, was in contempt of court during the recent Austin Rover dispute, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

But Mr Justice Hodgson, who on Monday fined the Transport and General Workers' Union £200,000 for contempt, said the contempt by Tass was not serious and a penalty would not be imposed.

Although the injunction has been withdrawn by consent and the union claimed it should never have been made, while it was in force they had a duty to comply with it, the judge said.

It had been argued on the union's behalf that it had not instructed members to strike and had not endorsed the strike therefore there was nothing to withdraw.

Correction

Stamps to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Great Western Railway, mentioned yesterday, will be on sale from January 22.

Police defuse Thatcher letter bomb

by Stewart Tendler

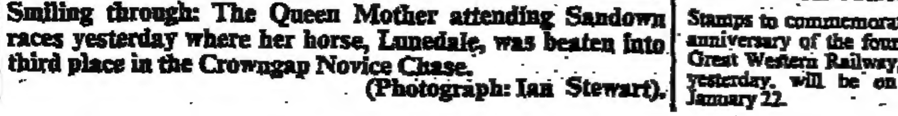
An incendiary device hidden in a letter addressed to the Prime Minister was intercepted by police explosives experts after a suspicious postman spotted the envelope at a sorting office yesterday.

The device was found at Nine Elms, South London yesterday morning. It was taken to Cannon Row police station where it was defused and sent to forensic scientist for examination.

The envelope was white and the address was handwritten. Police siad the device was "viable" but would not have caused serious damage

Last night the Scottish National Liberation Front claimed responsibility, but Scotland Yard said the device was an unusual one.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkr 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 128; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 128; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 180


Smiling through: The Queen Mother attending Sandown races yesterday where her horse, Lunedale, was beaten into third place in the Crowngap Novice Chase. (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Bomber 'in room 629'

Police searching for the man who planted the Brighton bomb are now convinced that he stayed in room 629 of the Grand Hotel on the nights of September 15 and 18, and that he had a woman staying with him.

The man gave his name as Roy Walsh, and the false address of 27 Braxfield Road, London SE4, and it is understood from his room orders that a woman stayed in the same room.

Soap cure found for killer infection

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Hospital researchers investigating treatments for acne have discovered what they believe to be a cure for a killer "super germ" which has so far proved resistant to antibiotics.

A team at the Royal Liverpool Hospital was analysing the antiseptic ingredients of soaps, deodorants, perfumes and after-shave lotions at the same time as an outbreak of staphylococcus Aureus occurred on the premises. The outbreak forced the closure of the hospital's vascular unit for three weeks, two years ago.

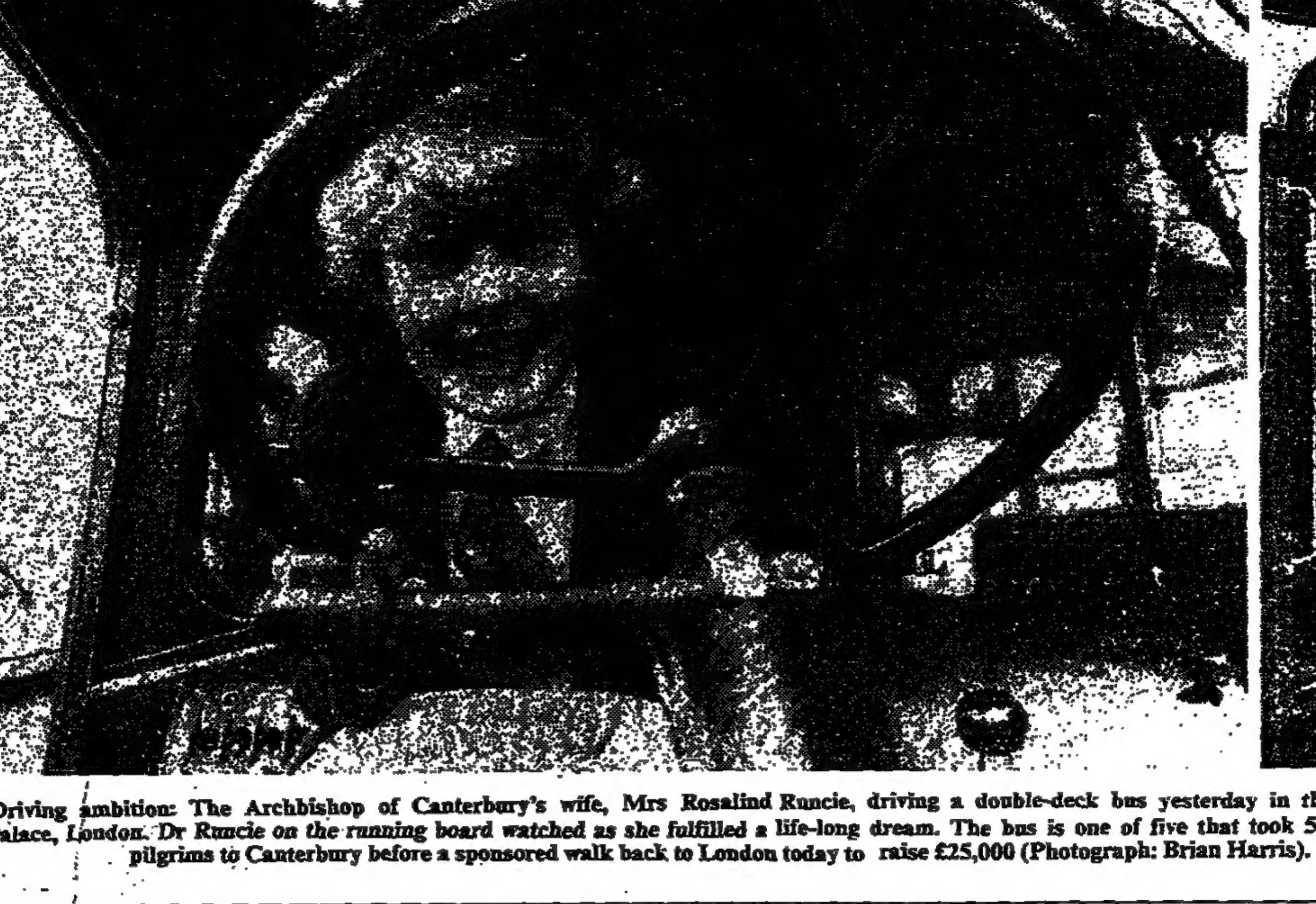
A similar outbreak at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, earlier this year was a contributory factor in the deaths of up to 24 patients, and the infection is also causing serious problems in the United States and Australia.

The Royal Liverpool researchers recognized the potential value of the antiseptics in the toiletries and have developed a liquid soap, containing some of the ingredients. Infected patients are asked to use this soap three times a day for whole-body washes or showers while the infection persists.

Doctors at the hospital say a cure is normally effected within three weeks.

Details of research are published in the present edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. A spokesman for the Royal Liverpool hospital said yesterday: "We are not claiming a miracle cure, but the soap solution has worked on our patients, effectively wiping out this infection at the hospital".

The London Hospital, Whitechape, has continued to use an isolation ward to combat the infection, which was first recorded there in October, 1982. But despite a wide range of measures, the infection has not been completely eradicated. Mr Andrew Dillon, the hospital's deputy administrator, said yesterday: "Our microbiologists will study the Royal Liverpool research very carefully. It is possible we may review our treatment as a result."



Driving ambition: The Archbishop of Canterbury's wife, Mrs Rosalind Runcie, driving a double-deck bus yesterday in the grounds of Lambeth Palace, London. Dr Runcie on the running board watched as she fulfilled a life-long dream. The bus is one of five that took 500 Crisis at Christmas pilgrims to Canterbury before a sponsored walk back to London today to raise £25,000 (Photograph: Brian Harris).

Gun-chase log plea refused

The Irish naval officer heading the operation leading to the capture of the gun-running trawler the Marita Ann off co Kerry refused to hand over his ship's log to Dublin's Special Criminal Court yesterday.

Lieutenant Commander Brian Farrell, captain of the Emer, told Mr Martin Kennedy, defence counsel for Gavin Mortimer, one of five men charged with firearms offences, that it was confidential.

Mr Kennedy said he needed to check if any of the ships to which men were transferred after the trawler's capture had gone outside Irish territorial waters. If they had the accused would not have been legally arrested.

Mr Justice James McMahon, presiding, instructed the commander to prepare a chart showing the course taken by his ship, the Irish Navy vessel Ashling and the Marita Ann after the arrest.

Mortimer, aged 23; John McCarthy, aged 26; Michael Browne, aged 42; Martin Ferris, aged 34, all from co Kerry, and former US marine John Crawley, aged 27, of co Kildare, deny possessing firearms, and explosives.

The hearing continues on Tuesday.

Six years for girls' strangler

John Lambert who strangled his three daughters was jailed for six years at Oxford Crown Court yesterday after being convicted by a majority verdict of the manslaughter of Tracey, aged six, Hayley, aged four, and Rachel, aged three, on the grounds of diminished responsibility. He was cleared of murder.

Lambert, aged 34, of Briar Way, Oxford, was jailed for six years on each charge, to run concurrently.

Sentencing Lambert, a former car worker, Mr Justice Hutchison said: "Any punishment I impose on you will be small compared to the remorse and anguish you will now feel and feel for the rest of your life as a result of the dreadful things you did."

It had taken the jury of eight women and four men almost five hours to reach their verdict.

Lambert's estranged wife, Sue, aged 30, who is expecting another child, flew into a hysterical rage when she heard the sentence.

Afterwards she said: "What am I going to do? He'll come and get me. He'll kill me."

The prosecution said that Lambert killed the girls to cause the maximum possible harm to his wife after he discovered she was having an affair.

Later, a spokesman for Women's Aid, Ms Penny Marsh, said: "The evidence of Mrs Lambert was never heard in court. This case gives men licence to kill or attempt to kill women and children."

Man jailed for revenge bomb blast

An unemployed man set up a home-made bomb to "shake" his neighbours upstairs after months of music and noise from their flat. The explosion that resulted in July this year, in a high-rise block of 120 flats in Burrows Court at Sneinton, Nottingham, destroyed three flats and resulted in the block being evacuated, Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr John Deave, for the prosecution, said that no-one was injured but a number of people were frightened and shocked. Damage totalled £33,000 and people had to be rehoused.

David Lloyd, a widower, aged 53, who pleaded guilty to causing an explosion likely to endanger life, was jailed for two years.

Mr Deave said that Lloyd had been planning his revenge for a number of weeks. Six weeks before the explosion, he told an elderly lady living in the block: "There is going to be a big bang. They will wonder what hit them." She did not take him seriously, Mr Deave said.

Lloyd allegedly told police: "I am not proud of what I have done. I wanted to shake them upstairs. You have got to understand a man's nerves can only take so much."

Mr Justice Bush said: "No doubt you were sorely tried by the noise from the flat above over a long period of time and felt you could get no relief from the authorities. Nevertheless, no provocation can justify the steps you took."

Study shows child abuse as health problem

By David Nicholson-Lord

Doctors, social workers and policemen have been urged to treat sexual abuse of children by their fathers or stepfathers as a "major public health problem" causing serious emotional effects which are transmitted from one generation to the next.

After three years' research, a study group, has concluded that taboos, fear and ignorance have prevented open discussion on the subject and that reported cases are only the "tip of the iceberg". Many figures in authority are afraid to discuss it because they have been personally involved, it adds.

The group's report, published yesterday, adds: "Sexual abuse occurs in secret, is kept a secret by the family and is being kept a secret by society's attitudes and taboos."

It makes 34 recommendations for action by schools, the police and local authorities and follows a survey by Mori showing that one in 10 British adults – more than four million – have been sexually abused as children, before the age of 16.

The poll, commissioned in advance of a three-part series on the subject beginning on Channel Four tonight, is said to be the first representative national survey on the subject.

Experts said yesterday its findings accorded with their experience. Dr Arnon Bentovim, a member of the study group and consultant psychiatrist at Great Ormond Street children's hospital London, said their research indicated that four-fifths of victims were girls and 70 per cent of culprits fathers or stepfathers. Most cases occurred when the child was aged between six and 10.

Ms Carolyn Okell Jones, a senior social worker at the Tavistock Centre, said: "My basic plea is, please believethe children because we usually find they are absolutely right."

One of the report's recommendations is for "personal safety skills" to be taught to childrem at school. This should cover the issue if "appropriate and inappropriate touch", it says. Children might also be given more general "assertion training" for self-protection.

The report adds: "Children need to know of their exclusive rights over their own body, particularly their sexual or 'private' parts."

Ms Okell Jones said she had secured financial backing for a film on abuse to be shown in schools but it was proving difficult to attract official support.

Among the recommendations are an agreed definition of abuse to include incest, intercourse and other sexual activity. The report also calls for police child-abuse liaison officers to be appointed

Court proceedings should not take longer than three months because of the trauma involved, and probation orders requiring medical treatment should be the usual sentence.

Child Sexual Abuse Within the Family, (CIBA Foundation, £12.95 and £5.95, Tavistock Publications).

Man pushed bodies through streets

A youth described to a jury yesterday how he wheeled the bodies of a workmate and his girl friend through deserted London streets at the dead of night.

David Carty, aged 18, told the Central Criminal Court that he wrapped Michelle Sadler and Robert Vaughan, both aged 17, loaded them on to a trolley and pushed them from Union Street to Mint Street, Southwark. There, he left them in a dumper truck at a children's adventure playground.

Carty, of Linsey Street, Rotherhithe, south-east London, denies murdering them on February 4 in the basement of Courier Display Systems in Union Street, where he and Robert worked.

Speaking from the witness box Carty said he and Robert worked overtime that Saturday and Robert brought Michelle.

Carty said he left after a short time, walked to the West End and returned to the workshop to find their dead bodies. Speaking between long pauses, he said he tried to clear up the blood in the men's lavatory where he found Robert.

He said he filled a plastic container with water to wash away the blood. He could not sweep it away. He cleaned the floor with paper towels and removed blood from the walls with them and a knife.

Carty said he undid the wire knot with which Michelle's head was tied to shelving in the work room.

"Her head was at a funny angle. I picked her up and carried her to the same room where I had put Robert's body."

He wrapped both bodies in plastic, put the girl's clothing in a plastic bag and left. He threw the plastic bag on the roof of a tea hut.

"Then I just walked around, I don't know why."

Eventually he went home, but during the night, while everyone at his home was asleep, returned to Union Street. "I brought both bodies upstairs. I carried them up. I put them on the trolley."

He put both bodies in a truck and removed the plastic, which he threw away. He returned the trolley to Union Street and went home. That evening police visited him at home.

Mr Alan Green, for the prosecution, has said that Carty sexually assaulted and strangled Michelle, of Chudleigh Street, Stepney, east London, and cut the throat of Robert, of Cherry Gardens Street, Rotherhithe, with a Stanley knife.

Mr Green has alleged that the prints of Carty's trainer shoes were found in the blood.

The hearing continues on Monday.

Second express train splits at speed

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

For the second time in a week a British Rail express train split in two yesterday while carrying passengers at speed. Urgent BR inquiries are being carried out.

The 10-coach Hereford to London express parted in the middle at 8.10 am while passing under a bridge at about 60 mph between Worcester and Evesham, and the rear five coaches were derailed. None of the 150 passengers was seriously hurt, but six suffered cuts and bruises and two were taken to hospital for a check.

On Monday evening a Glasgow to London express split in two while travelling at about 90 mph near Rugby. There were no derailments and no injuries.

For a passenger train to uncouple while running steadily at speed is unusual and mystifying. Modern coaches were used on both trains, with heavy steel "buckeye" couplings in widespread international use and with a very good safety record.

Like a Yale lock on a door, the couplings grip automatically when "slammed" together and remain firmly bonded until manually released. They are designed for a 200-tonne strain, compared with a maximum of 20 tonnes experienced during a high-powered acceleration, and well under 10 tonnes experienced in normal high-speed running.

Unlike previous BR passenger trains, which were regularly coupled and uncoupled as different parts went to different destinations, most of BR's inter-city stay coupled for long periods.

In the case of the Hereford train there was some doubt yesterday whether the uncoupling occurred before or after the derailment. If the latter, the derailment was no doubt the cause of the uncoupling, although buckeyes are so strong they frequently hold a derailed train together.

Track suffered extensive damage from yesterday's accident, and Western Region predicted last night that the Worcester to Evesham section would remain closed through the weekend.

Council to prosecute man living in hen house

A council has finally won an eight-year legal battle to evict a man from Britain's most luxurious hen hut. A former sailor, Mr James Marsh, aged 58, moved into the hut, measuring 20ft by 15ft, on his smallholding at Pickering, North Yorkshire, in 1976.

He defied the efforts of Ryedale District Council to remove him and installed roof and wall insulation, laid fitted carpets, hung red velvet curtains, and papered the walls.

Last December, after a government inquiry he was given 12 months to move out, and the deadline arrived yesterday.

Mr Paul Dunce, a council planning official, said that action would probably be taken early next week. He said: "Mr Marsh has been given every opportunity to find alternative living accommodation. Now we must prosecute."

Housing groups criticize cuts in lodging grant

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Government moves to cut board and lodging payments for the unemployed would mean a massive increase in homelessness next march, housing organizations said yesterday.

"If the proposals are implemented as they stand it could put 50,000 people on the streets," Mr Chris Smith, social security worker for the Campaign for Single Homeless (Char) said.

Shelter said if the cuts went ahead "a lot of people are going to have to leave guest houses and bed and breakfasts with nowhere else to go, or will end up having to share in barrack-like dormitory hostels".

The government proposals, which are open to comment until December 28, are aimed at stopping alleged profiteering by hotel and guest house owners who have advertised for claimants to move, often to seaside towns, where they can receive board and lodging payments of between £80 and £110 a week.

In some cases, the Department of Health and Social Security claimed that proprietors had paid rail fares to bring claimants to their areas and young people were "enjoying a life style not normally available to them".

Under the proposals, 16 to 17-year-olds will be able to claim for bed and breakfast accommodation, only in exceptional circumstances, and the unemployed will be limited to a stay of two to four weeks outside their home area to look for work unless they can prove they need longer.

The London Housing Aid Centre (Shac), said the time allowed to find work in places such as London was "just unrealistic". Many young people had been turned out by parents, partly because of cuts in housing benefit.

Under the Government's proposals, the maximum board and lodging payment will be between £60 and £70 a week in London, and between £50 and £60 a week elsewhere.

A Char spokesman said: "You just don't get bed and breakfast at those rates. People will be pushed down into common lodging houses and the very worst accommodation, or will be evicted because the limits aren't high enough."

The Departmnt of Health and Social Security said the proposals should not increase homelessness.

"The aim is to curb profiteering and exploitation of the rules," a spokesman said.

Bench dabbled with science, judge declares

A High Court judge yesterday criticized judges and magistrates for "dabbling as amateurs in science".

Lord Justice Goff, sitting in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court with Mr Justice McCullough, allowed a police prosecution appeal against a decision by Colchester magistrates in July, 1983, to acquit an Army corporal on a drink-driving charge after they considered medical evidence without the benefit of expert advice.

Corporal Alan Lunn, of Whittington Barracks, Lichfield, Staffordshire, was accused of driving at Balkerne Hill, Colchester, in May last year

But the magistrates dismissed the case after they studied an extract from a copy of the *British Medical Journal*, which they concluded proved that a pint of beer consumed after Corporal Lunn had stopped driving had put him over the limit.

Brinks-Matt jury fails to reach verdicts

The jury trying three men at the Central Criminal Court involved in the theft of £26 million of gold bullion, platinum, and diamonds, from a Brinks-Matt warehouse at Heathrow airport in November last year, retired to a London hotel for a second night. The jury will return to court today in an attempt to reach a verdict.

Michael McAvoy, aged 32, of Beckwith Road, East Dulwich, south-east London; Anthony White, aged 40, of St James Road, Rotherhithe, south-east London; Brian Robinson, aged 40, of Rollins Street, London, have all denied being involved in the raid.

Broadmoor for jealous killer

A social worker who killed the woman with whom her lover lived and stabbed her victim's son, aged four, more than 50 times was yesterday ordered to be detained indefinitely in Broadmoor Hospital.

The Central Criminal Court was told that Annette Dunwell, aged 24, of Willindon Road, Wood Green, murdered Jennifer Gordon, aged 23, of Mildura Court, Hornsey, because Lloyd Cadogan, aged 26, had refused to leave Miss Gordon and live with Dunwell.

Death of hares

Ministry of Agriculture scientists and veterinary surgeons are investigating the death of hundreds of hares in the south of England.

Mr Robert Key, Conservative MP for Salisbury, estimates that 80 per cent of the county's hares have died and fears there could be a link with chemical sprays.

Boy nearly died in fishing rod attack

A youth aged 16 was ordered at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to be detained for 12 years for an attack that left a boy aged 10 blind in one eye.

Stephen Whitehead, resident at a special school at Redhill, Surrey, admitted causing grievous bodily harm with intent to the boy, and indecently assaulting him at a lake near Redhill on August 26 this year.

Mr John Nutting, for the prosecution said the victim was repeatedly punched, partly strangled and hit on the head with a fishing rod. He was now blind in the right eye and had unsightly scars.

Mr Nutting said it was a "quite horrific" case. The attack happened near the Earlswood Lakes, where both boys had been fishing.

As the boy aged 10 left the lake, Whitehead asked him where he lived. The boy said he lived at Redhill and Whitehead suggested they walk on together. After walking for a short while, he pushed the boy to the ground, sat on his stomach and pressed his hands around his neck.

The boy then became unsconsious and Whitehead began to beat him about the face and head with a fishing rod, using the heavy end of the rod.

Whitehead punched the boy repeatedly and then pulled off his trousers and pants to his knees, before dragging him into undergrowth and leaving him unconscious, bleeding and badly injured.

Whitehead was said to have told the police that while he was fishing the boy had looked at him in a funny way and started "giving me a bit of lip".

Asked if he had indecently assaulted the boy, Whitehead said he had taken the boy's trousers and pants down to his knees. "I didn't do anything else." Mr William Hibbert, for the defence, said that Whitehead was educationally subnormal.

Heath attacks fatalism of 'no other way' and policies of 'cut, cut, cut'

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

In an assault on the Government's economic policies, Mr Edward Heath yesterday deplored the "fatalistic belief that nothing can be done to deal with the problem of massive unemployment".

That fatalism must be overcome, he said. The philosophies which inspired it must be rejected.

He said that although high inflation was a scourge, massive unemployment was the greater threat to the welfare of the individual, the stability of society, the production of future wealth, and the maintenance of Britain's position in the world.

"It leads to rapid increase in crimes of violence and descent into social conflict".

All the main strands of the present criticism of the Government, whether by Conservative or Opposition figures, were woven into the speech. Ministers were charged with timidity, rigidity, and dogmatism as well as fatalism; with fallacious beliefs about the economy and failure to understand people's needs.

The occasion was an address by the former Conservative prime minister to the Peel Society at Drayton Manor, Tamworth, Staffordshire, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Sir Robert Peel's manifesto to the Tamworth electors, in which he announced his belated acceptance of the Reform Act, 1832.

Mr Heath had discovered convenient similarities between his own and Peel's opinions and careers.

He said: "Peel believed that it was for the Conservatives to tread a path ... that encouraged moderate reform and eschewed the extremism of doctrinaire radicalism from the left and the reaction of the Tory ultras on the right."

As in Peel's time, so now it is the party's duty to preserve all that was best in society, "our freedom, our widespread democracy, rule of law, and our traditional toleration". They must unite the nation and defuse conflict and tensions, lest they engulf the state and destroy liberty.

The speech was one of Mr Heath's occasional reminders that there is a fraction of the Conservative Party that does not acknowledge Mrs Thatcher as its leader; and that its resistance, and his own, may sometimes languish but will not expire.

He was direct using phraseology that Mrs Thatcher dislikes and spurning hers. He said: "What is required today is the pragmatism of Peel, not the dogmatism of 'There is no other way'. Peel believed in securing value for money, but that did not lead him to the view that money should not be spent."

He noted that economic success after the Second World War had been most striking in Federal Germany and Japan, and put that down to their establishment of consensus in managing their economies.

Mr Heath specifically expressed doubts about the Government's drive for tax cuts, which he feared would draw in consumer goods from abroad, and for zero inflation that would cause an ever greater increase in unemployment than was contemplated.

Instead he called for public investment in the infrastructure and in industrial support, and for recognition of the need for strategic as well as economic reasons to maintain basic industries such as shipbuilding.

Belief in a service society was a dangerous fallacy: we could not live permanently by taking in each other's washing.

Mr Heath deplored the failure to distinguish between current and capital spending in the public sector borrowing requirement. Every businessman recognized the need for capital investment by borrowing, as against the "kitchen sink economics of the housewife". There was ample room for the Chancellor to plan to modernize our infrastructure and our industry.

Mr Heath ended by observing that "people are not motivated by being hectored and lectured, nor are they inspired by the refrain of cut, cut, cut. They wanted to see the highest quality maintained in public services, and were willing to contribute their fair share to the cost.

"Sir Robert Peel, in his day, recognized this almost more than any other man."

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Gemma Knight with her family arriving at Heathrow yesterday.

Liver transplant girl returns

Gemma Knight, aged two, returned to Britain yesterday after her liver transplant operation in the United States.

Gemma, from Bracknell, Berks, was flown to Pittsburgh for the operation last February, after a national appeal. She was at the time given six months to live.

The operation had to be performed in America because British surgeons had no experience of the operation, although some have subsequently been carried out.

More than £400,000 was raised to pay for the trip and the medical bills which are estimated at about £150,000. Remaining money will be used for research into liver disease.

Gemma's grandparents and other relatives and friends were at Heathrow airport to meet her, her brother Daryle, aged one, and parents, Sharon and Stephen Knight.

Her mother said yesterday: "She is still a bit chubby from the steroids but that will go. She got very excited when she got off the plane, she did not know why there was such a lot going on. We have been looking forward to getting back for so long."

Gemma will continue taking anti-rejection drugs and is expected to have to return to Pittsburgh for a check-up in coming months.

Shortage of funds 'threatens science'

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

British science is falling seriously behind the main scientific nations and cannot hope to compete because government funding is "nowhere near enough", the past chairman of the Natural Environment Research Council (Nerc) said yesterday.

"I do not think we can let our public, our politicians, our ministers assume that the present level of resources will give the United Kingdom or Nerc a position in which we can compete internationally and hold up our heads," Sir Hermann Bondi said.

"Science is becoming more sophisticated and more demanding all the time. Many of our partners, friends and competitors have realized this and, though they are all affected by the recession, they are increasing the resources put at the disposal of science at a not inconsiderate rate."

The council is involved in areas including biotechnology and environmental pollution research, geological surveys and ocean drilling.

Sir Herman's comments were published yesterday in the council's annual report for 1983-4.

He gave a warning that if funding was not increased Britain's standing in the international science community would be diminished.

There was, he said, a real lack of strategic research

GLC staff reject Livingstone threat

By Hugh Clayton Local Government Correspondent

The Greater London Council staff association yesterday rejected a threat from Mr Ken Livingstone, Labour Party leader of the council, to dismiss any officer caught disclosing unathorized information to the Government.

Mr Arthur Capelin, secretary of the 17,000 member association, said: "I think that the leader has made so many statements and so many threats that nobody takes a lot of notice. It is in line with Mr Livingstone's normal attitude to his staff of attacking them on every possible occasion."

Mr Livingstone's claim that a small group of officers within the bureaucracy had been giving information to the Government was disclosed in *The Times* a fortnight ago. The GLC is one of several Labour-led councils refusing to give information demanded by the Government in connection with the abolition of the GLC and other large councils.

Mr Capelin said: "Any suggestion that there has been a concerted move by a group of officers is in my view nonsense and cannot be sustained."

But he also rejected a claim from ministers that GLC staff wanted to cooperate with the Government's abolition demands and were being prevented from doing so by Labour leaders of the council.

Council opens its files to public inspection

From Our Correspondent, Bradford

Open government became a reality at noon yesterday in Bradford, West Yorkshire, when the veil of secrecy was lifted from most local council documents.

Any member of the public can now ask to see or obtain photocopies of almost all the papers in the file for any item which is to be considered in public by a council committee. The only exceptions are documents that are genuinely confidential or which might prejudice negotiations or legal proceedings.

Bradford was the first local authority in the country to change its standing orders to enable the public to have access to information about council business in advance of decisions being taken. Its new policy is almost identical to the proposals of the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill being promoted by Mr Robin Squire, Conservative MP

If any officer decides a particular document should be kept confidential, a member of the public has the right of appeal

Shelter fears threat to council house repairs

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Housing Defects Act, which comes into force today to help the owners of certain types of defective homes, is "limited and potentially wasteful", the housing organization, Shelter, has claimed.

It criticizes the Act for not assisting council tenants who make up most of those living in potentially defective homes. According to Shelter, the possible government cuts in housing expenditure next year may result in much-needed repairs to council homes being shelved for lack of money.

The Act provides for assistance to private owners of 22 types of pre-1960 prefabricated reinforced concrete dwellings, including Airey homes. Eligible owners will qualify for a local authority reinstatement grant of up to £14,000, normally covering 90 per cent of the repair costs.

The grant can be refused if the dwelling is a flat or if the work would be uneconomic, in which case the local authority must repurchase the property, giving the owner 95 per cent of its defect-free value.

It is estimated that 16,500 house owners would be eligible, leaving about 150,000 tenants without a guarantee of help. Shelter believes that the Government must act to help tenants by encouraging local authorities to plan repair programmes or demolish their own defective homes with governmental financial support.

Shelter has expressed concern at the lack of preparation in implementing the Act, and argues that the Government has rushed the Act into force without ensuring that repair methods can be properly tested

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities puts the number of types of eligible homes with potential defects as 167 compared with the Government's figure of 22 and says more than a million homes are at risk.

Patients 'at risk' from drug adverts

Patients could be at risk by the present spate of misleading drug advertisements, medical groups have told Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health.

The British Medical Association and the Pharmaceutical Society have called for immediate action to ensure such advertisements are promptly withdrawn.

Mr Clarke has told the Commons that his officials identified 31 breaches of the advertising regulations last year. None of the drug firms involved was prosecuted.

In a letter to the Minister, Dr John Havard, secretary of the BMA, said: "Changes are needed to prevent the pharmaceutical industry from breaking the regulations so frequently.

A spokesman for the Pharmaceutical Society, which represents individual pharmacists rather than drug companies, confirmed that it had sent a similar letter to Mr Clarke.

BBC looks for fleas to join circus

By Tony Samstag

The BBC has placed a classified advertisement in *The Times* in an attempt to cast a performing flea circus for one of its programmes.

So rare has the human flea, *Pulex irritans*, become in Britain that none of the usual animal suppliers can help.

Siphonapterists, a word flea experts use to describe their calling, confess that they are puzzled by the elusiveness of the human flea.

The BBC is prepared to pay a reward of £25 in return for information leading to the recruitment of a suitable cast of fleas. The fleas are to appear in an episode of next year's television series *One by One*, the adventures of a zoo vet, in which a flea circus figures.

£6m US Navy order

Brown Brothers of Edinburgh have won a £6 million order to supply the US Navy with fin stabilizer systems for its warships (Ronald Faux writes).

The stabilizers reduce the roll on a vessel in rough conditions by up to 70 per cent, allowing helicopters and weapons systems to operate more effectively.

The firm, part of Vickers marine engineering division, was also awarded an option for a further £5 million order. Since 1968 the US Navy has placed orders worth about £60 million with the company.

The stabilizers performed well during the Falklands conflict and have a good reputation with the US Navy, which has the system fitted to 58 FFG7 frigates.

Consumer call for freer information

The National Consumer Council has called for the repeal of the Official Secrets Act and for parts of it to be replaced with a statutory "right to know".

Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the council, said: "The phrase official secrets conjures up a picture of spies, security and surveillance, but what worries us is official secrecy where it hits consumers most, in their everyday lives."

Parents were refused the right to see their child's school record, although police and local councillors could, he added. Patients were barred from seeing their own medical records and householders did not have the right to be told until the last minute that their property was to be compulsorily purchased.

"Unless people have the right to see what is on file about them, mere gossip or biased comment may be preserved on files for years. What is worrying about so many of these records is that while the individuals themselves may not see them, others may", he said.

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Home Office awaiting Scottish report before contemplating changes

COMMONS

There was no irremovable obstacle to changing the law on opening hours of licensed premises, and the case for change had many sympathisers in the Government but the Government had no immediate plans to introduce legislation, Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in the Commons.

He was replying to a debate on a motion, later withdrawn, that the liquor licensing laws in England and Wales should be revised. He said that the reasons for not introducing immediate legislation were the need to be satisfied that longer or more flexible hours would have no harmful consequences and that there was, as yet, no obvious agreement on what system of flexibility should be adopted.

Mr Robert Hayward (Kingswood, C) in moving the motion, said present legislation for England and Wales was based on the assumption that the state knew what was best for individuals rather than allowing them a choice. What was needed was flexible opening hours coupled with a programme of education, starting at an early age, about the dangers of alcohol.



The licensing laws were in a general mess with different rules applying to pubs, clubs, hotels, off-licences and supermarkets. There was an undoubted need for change to bring this hotch-potch of laws into line with the needs of the 1980s, the 1990s and eventually the twenty-first century.

He suggested the adoption of something similar to the Scottish system which had been seen to be working satisfactorily for a number of years and had resulted in a decrease in drink related offences.

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C), former chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism and currently president of the Greater London Alcohol Advisory Service, said the case for restraint of the drug alcohol had not diminished but grown.

Excessive drinking was the common thread which ran through the commission of crime, violence, marital break-up, non-accidental injuries to children, and death and injury on the roads.

Mr John Ryman (Blyth Valley, Lab): Why should not law-abiding people who drink in moderation and for social pleasure be entitled to drink without being inhibited by the problems of a minute proportion of the population?

Sir Bernard Braine said that was the dilemma and they had to keep a balance. Alcohol was a pleasant adjunct to living and he was not a teetotaller. But it was also a potent drug capable of causing ill-health and premature death. That was why they had licensing laws which had been admired all over the world.

The best way to help the licensee was to stop the proliferation of selling outlets where no restraint could be exercised. He was in favour of public houses and against the proliferation of outlets, the placing of liquor on the impulse-buying shelves of supermarkets.

There was no evidence whatever to suppose that the introduction of more flexible drinking hours in England and Wales would reduce the massive human and economic cost of alcohol abuse. The most that could be said in favour of liberalization was that it would remove a minor inconvenience to the drinking public and foreign tourists and brewers would make larger profits.

Mr John Ryman said he supported a sensible move for reform of the licensing laws based on common sense and judgment and he deplored hysterical appeals made by other people obsessed with tee-totalism spoiling the fun of other people.

Mr James Couchman (Gillingham, C), said he was managing director of his family's licensed trade company operating seven public houses in the London area and he had run, as a manager, a large and busy public house for four years.

Britain had some of the most rigorously controlled drinking anywhere outside the Muslim world. The drinking hours were inappropriate to trading hours today and anachronistic in the fourth quarter of the twentieth century. The law on permitted hours was falling into some disrepute. The police had more pressing duties to perform.



Hayward: Flexible hours needed

Mr Clive Soley (Hammersmith, Lab) for the Opposition, said social behaviour after a certain amount of alcohol had a dramatic impact on other people. Any police officer would say that the busiest time was after closing time on Fridays and Saturdays. That was also the time when there was most violence.

The message from the Labour Party (he said) is that we are not against altering the licensing laws but that to tamper with one aspect of a much wider problem is inviting further problems.

Society must regulate the use of a powerful drug because, if not, they laid themselves open to all sorts of problems.

There was a case for changing licensing hours, but it should be done in the context of wider policy.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said there was evidence of a substantial reduction in drunkenness and lawlessness in Scotland since the revised licensing hours. The gloomsters and doomsters and the kill-joys and the dead-handers could not just brush that fact aside.

It was not just a marginal improvement, the figures were absolutely shattering. They showed a reduction of 41 per cent in drunkenness linked offences at a time when there had been a reduction of 9 per cent in the same figures in England and Wales.

Mr Mellor said many MPs had noted that the extended opening hours in Scotland had led not to an increase in drunkenness but to more responsible and more leisurely drinking. Indeed, the first indications of the effects of the 1976 Scottish legislation had been encouraging.

The forecast that longer opening hours would result in a dramatic increase in drunkenness and drink-drive offences had proved inaccurate. Available statistics pointed to no significant adverse effects.

But he would add a note of caution. It would be dangerous to assume that the reduction of drunkenness north of the border was attributable directly and specifically to the change in the licensing laws. There might well be other factors at work. It was not escapism to say there was need to look further.

The obstacle to the path of reform was the serious problems caused by alcohol misuse. At this week's BMA conference on alcoholism some disturbing statistics were given. Alcoholism was getting worse and they had to ask whether a change in the licensing laws would make any difference.

As a Home Office minister he was particularly troubled by the impact of drink on crime. He hardly ever read a file including those of people convicted of murder in which the influence of alcohol was not pointed out as a material factor in relation to the crime. He was deeply troubled by the number of crimes of violence actuated in drink.

On the other hand, some people considered the more phased removal of people from public houses to their homes might reduce crime."

If they were able, as they hoped, to have available by next summer the report of the survey that the Secretary of State for Scotland was having undertaken by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys into the effects of the 1976 legislation, then they might have made a material step forward.

Personally, he would be happy if the result of the Scottish survey convinced not only the Government, but those opposed to change for reputable reasons, that it was safe to contemplate relaxation of the law. There had to be a firm foundation of evidence. It could not be done on a wish and a prayer.

Mr Hayward said it would be worthwhile to have legislation in the next session and he withdrew his motion knowing that, no matter at what time he did so, he and other MPs, unlike the rest of the population, could withdraw for a drink.

Law Report December 1 1984 Court of Appeal

Particularity of documents in requests

In re Asbestos Insurance Coverage Cases

Before Lord Justice Eveleigh, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered November 20]

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, considered section 2(4) of the Evidence (Proceedings in other Jurisdictions) Act 1975 in giving effect to a request by letters rogatory issued by the Superior Court of the State of California for the City and County of San Francisco in favour of four American corporations.

Their Lordships (1) dismissed an appeal by the applicants, Sedgwick Group plc, Sedgwick North America Ltd, Sedgwick Overseas Group Ltd, Mr Philip Crane, Mr William Parton and Mr David Thistleton-Smith from the refusal of Mr Justice McNeill to set aside or discharge orders of the court requiring Mr Crane, Mr Parton and Mr Thistleton-Smith to attend to give testimony; and (2) by a majority (Lord Justice Slade dissenting) also dismissed in part the applicants' appeal against the judge's order to produce documents requested in the letters rogatory.

Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC and Mr Christopher Symons for the applicants; Mr Michael Burton, QC, for the American corporations.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH said that four American corporations, being asbestos manufacturers, were engaged in disputes with insurers in proceedings in California. Lloyd's underwriters were among the insurers involved.

The manufacturers sought to obtain proof of the existence and contents of policies and if necessary to reconstruct their terms by reference to standard terms in operation at the relevant times.

On the application of the manufacturers letters rogatory were issued in California requesting the assistance of the High Court in England under the Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters signed at The Hague on March 18, 1970, to which effect was given by the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975.

Section 2(4) (a) excluded an inquiry into what documents a person had or had had and section 2(4) (b) by limiting production to particular documents specified in the order denied the court's assistance where it would be necessary for the person concerned to ask himself what relevant documents he had.

The request for documents was directed to the Sedgwick Group plc, Sedgwick Overseas Group Ltd and Sedgwick North America Ltd. So far as relevant to the appeal the documents requested were:

"(b) The written instructions from the plaintiffs or their agents to Sedgwick to obain the insurance policies set forth in exhibit 1 hereto."

"(c) The written applications for insurance ... reflecting the insurance policies specified in exhibit 1 hereto."

"(g) The written instructions to Sedgwick from the plaintiffs or their agents to obtain the insurance policies referred to in (f) above [being 'the excess insurance policies covering personal injury and property damage liability issued to the companies and during the periods set forth in exhibit 4 hereto'].

"(h) The written applications... reflecting the insurance policies referred to in (f) above."

"(j) The exemplars of Price Forbes & Co Ltd's ... excess comprehensive personal injury and property damage "umbrella" liability policies in use in the London insurance market during the period 1950 through 1966..."

Objection was made to the production of the written instructions referred to in (b) on the ground that the documents were not sufficiently particularized.

The fact that several documents might be asked for compendiously did not necessarily mean that no document was individually specified. The comprehensive formula might be no more than a matter of drafting. Thus it would have been possible to set out each of the policies appearing in exhibit 1 and to make a request in terms of (b) in relation to each.

However, the appellants referred to the words of Lord Diplock in *In re Westinghouse Electric Corp. Uranium Contract Litigation M.D.L. Docket No 235* [1978] AC 547 635): "The requirements of subsection (4) (b), however, are not in my view satisfied by the specification of classes of documents. What is called for is the specification of 'particular documents' which I would construe as meaning individual documents separately described."

His Lordship was unable to regard Lord Diplock as saying that each individual document had to be separately listed as one document and then described with a particularity that might be expected from a person who had that document in his hand. The judge was right to allow the request under (b).

Item (c) would not be allowed. The request would impose on brokers the duty to give general discovery which section 2(4)(a) did not permit.

What had been said in relation to (b) applied also to (g), and what had been said in relation to (c) applied also to (h).

The request (j) was for those documents ("exemplars") which were the specimen policies available in the London insurance market during the period mentioned. It was clear enough what was wanted.

The fact that the terms contained in such documents might be unknown to the applicants would not make the request a fishing request. The applicants did not have to show that they knew the contents of the documents, but only that there was such a document. The judge was right to order their production.

In relation to the order requiring the attendance of witnesses, it was not appropriate, nor was it a practical proposition, for the English court to inquire into whether or not the witness was able to give the evidence expected of him in every respect which apparently commended itself to the requesting court. The English court had to be satisfied that the application was made in pursuance of a request issued by the requesting court and that the evidence was to be obtained for the purpose of civil proceedings before that court but nowhere did the Act impose upon the High Court the duty to determine whether or not the request was properly made.

It was of course true that the Act merely gave the power to make an order and there might be cases where the court was able to say that the requesting court had been misled to such an extent that in the exercise of discretion the request would not be granted.

If on examination a witness was asked questions that were beyond his competence he could say so.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE said that his approach to the construction of section 2 (4) was similar to that of Lord Justice Eveleigh. The point at which he found himself differing from him was in his conclusions as to the application of section 2 (4) to the facts of the instant case.

In regard to item (b) the order, in its context, was in substance, one for production of such document or documents of instructions, if any, as might have been written by or on behalf of the plaintiffs for the purpose of obtaining each of the respective policies.

That was not an order for production of "particular documents"; it was an order for production of classes or descriptions of documents contrary to the provisions of section 2 (4) (b) of the 1975 Act, as interpreted by the House of Lords in *Westinghouse*.

Therefore, following the strict attitude which the *Westinghouse* decision compelled the court to take in giving effect to foreign requests for the production of documents by non-party witnesses, his Lordship would refuse an order for production of item (b).

For much the same reasons, *mutatis mutandis*, he would refuse orders for production of the "written applications" referred to in item (c), the "written instructions" referred to in item (g), the "written applications" referred to in item (h) and the "exemplars" referred to in item (j).

His Lordship would dimiss the appeal so far as it related to oral evidence but would allow the appeal so far as it related to items (b) and (g) and the disputed parts of items (c), (h) and (j) of the letters rogatory.

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed with Lord Justice Eveleigh.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co; Coward Chance.

Notes to be taken when judge meets counsel

Regina v Cullen

Although in certain eventualities it was appropriate for a judge to talk to counsel in his private rooms before the start of a trial, the guidelines for such a discussion which were laid down in *R v Turner* ([1970] 2 QB 321) must be observed faithfully and, moreover, the judge should ensure that there was someone in the room, in addition to counsel and himself, to take a note of what happened so that it might be kept with the papers as a permanent record. Also, the initiative for the judge seeing counsel should come from the Bar and not from the judge.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting in the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Michael Davies, so stated on November 26 when allowing in part an appeal by Michael Joseph Cullen against the sentence imposed on him on June 16, 1983 at Acton Crown Court (Judge Coulthard) when he was convicted of the theft of £700, but was acquitted of two other counts on the indictment.

Their Lordships quashed a sentence of nine months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and an order to pay £350 towards the prosecution costs. A fine of £350 with an alternative of 56 days' imprisonment, and a compensation order of £700 were unaffected.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in this case no note was taken during counsels' visit to the judge, and the recollections of what had transpired in the judge's private rooms differed.

However, where, as here, a message was carried therefrom to the person awaiting trial that in no circumstances would a custodial sentence be passed, it was unlikely that the Court of Appeal would feel able to uphold any sentence of imprisonment passed thereafter.

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Solidarity priest died of suffocation and not from beating, report says

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest allegedly kidnapped and killed by secret policemen, died of suffocation and was not beaten to death, according to the results of a post-mortem examination due to be released to the Polish public last night.

The findings may give counsel for the three main accused a chance of having the murder charge reduced. If it can be shown that the priest suffocated because he was put in the boot of the getaway car, soon after being kidnapped on the Torun road on October 19, then lawyers could argue that the three policemen should not be tried for murder under Article 148 of the penal code, but for taking part in a fight which led to the death of the priest.

The latter provides for a minimum one-year sentence under Article 158 (Paraghaph 3), compared to the possible death sentence on murder charges.

However, there is only a slim chance of this happening. First, the prosecution will argue that every stage of the kidnap showed that the policemen intended to murder the priest.

Second, the accused are facing a range of other charges – depriving the priest of freedom; using violence; a previous kidnap attempt on the priest and the ill-treatment of his priest's driver.

Third, the accused have still not engaged defence counsel, even though proceedings will probably begin soon.

It has taken almost a month to prepare the post-mortem report, under the supervision of Professor Maria Byrda. The results are cautious, not drawing any large conclusions but rather ruling out some possibile causes of death and quashing rumours.

The priest was not, as was at first rumoured, tortured to death or even shot. He was beaten. The doctors said he was dead before being dropped into a reservoir.

The church hierarchy was briefed on the latest developments in the Popieluszko investigation during a church-state session on Thursday and was given the final results of the post-mortem examination.

The Patriotic Front for National Reconciliation, a state-sponsored group which tries to promote dialogue between the communist authorities and non-communist but sympathetic groupings, has also been given information about the manner of the priest's death.

The trial will be open to the Western press, though if it is held in Torun there will be little space in the court-room for reporters. The accused were said to have been "cocky" during interrogation.

On Wednesday night General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, told reporters that the prospect of a trial ending in a death sentence might prod the accused into revealing who stood behind them. The search for the instigators was continuing.



Separatist message: Kanaks with a French military helicopter on which they have written independence slogans.

Women fly out after New Caledonia killing

Koumac, New Caledonia (AFP Reuter) – Dozens of European women and children were being evacuated by air yesterday from northern New Caledonia, where a European man was killed on Thursday in a gunfight with Melanesian separatists.

It was not clear whether French officials had ordered the evacuation towards Noumea, which has been largely unaffected by the past two weeks of separatist violence.

One woman said men had been given an order to evacuate their wives and children, but she did not say where the order had come from. Two Canadian mine workers, however, appeared to indicate the evacuation was voluntary.

The evacuation, by small aircraft from a dirt airstrip at the north-western tip of the island, came after a clash in which a man of French descent, Emile Mezière, was killed and several people wounded.

Confusion remained as to how the incident began. According to one version, it happened after Kanaks, or indigenous Melanesians, became angered by a rumour that Europeans had taken four Kanaks prisoner. Another version said Mézière was shot after he had tried to persuade Kanaks to let him through a roadblock.

His death was the first since trouble broke out on November 18, when a white-dominated National Assembly was elected to run the territory until an independence referendum planned for 1989.

The killing prompted Nouméa's mayor, Mr Roger Laroque, to call on the capital's 54,000 whites to stage a protest strike today, turning the city into a "dead area".

Another European, Mr Eugène Guerin, who is in his seventies, was severely beaten on Thursday and left for dead by his Kanak assailants. Koumac residents said the attack was the beginning of a big confrontation.

New Caledonia's National Assembly president, Mr Dick Ukeiwe, flew to Paris yesterday to urge President Mitterrand to take firmer action against militants.

Gulf states form rapid deployment force

Kuwait, (Reuter) – Six conservative Arab Gulf states have formed a joint defence force to react quickly to any attack from outside the region, Gulf officials said.

Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, Kuwaits's Foreign Minister, told a news conference on Thursday that Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Suadi Arabi and the United Arab Emirates, all members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, had contribued contingents.

The minister, speaking at the end of a three-day conference of council heads of state, said the force was a temporary expedient and its mandate would eventually be reviewed.

He gave no details of its size, structure or capabilities, but authoritative Kuwaiti sources said that at a meeting earlier this year defence ministers agreed to set up a two-brigade unit under the command of a senior Saudi officer.

Mr Abdullah Bishara, the council's secretary-general, told reporters: "The force is alive and well. Its significance is more political and symbolic than military."

The number of men was not as important as the fact that the new force could move fast in an emergency, Mr Bishara added.

The creation of what is in essence a rapid redeployment force underlines the deep concern of the Gulf states at the continuing war between Iraq and Iran and their fears that the conflict could spell over into the Arabian Peninsula.

The six countries, which have relatively small populations, have already held joint exercises and spend substantial proportions of their revenues from oil on advanced military equipment from Europe and the United States.

The four-year-old Gulf war dominated the summit and the meeting ended with an announcement that the heads of state had drafted ideas to promote a dialogue between the warring parties. Shiekh Sabah said this meant working through all possible channels and encouraging mediation by the United Nations, the Islamic Conference organization and the Non-Aligned Movement.

Second big chess win by US team

Salonika (Reuter) – The United States followed up their defeat of the Soviet Union by beating Hungary in the tenth-round of the Chess Olympiad here. This raised the Americans' hopes of finishing second to the Russians in the 14-round contest.

A feature of their clash with Hungary was the defeat of Lajos Portisch, the top Magyar, by Lubomir Kavalek.

Tenth round results

USSR 3, Bulgaria 1; US 2.5, Hungary 1.5; Yugoslavia 2.5, Sweden 1.5; England 2.5, Romania 1.5; Iceland 2.5, China 1.5; France 2, Czechs 2; Philippines 2, West Germany 2; Cuba 2.5, Colombia 1.5; Denmark 2.5, Australia 1.5.

Men's standings:

USSR 29, US 26, Yugoslavia and England 25, Spain, Iceland and Sweden 24.5, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria 24.

Women's results

USSR 3, India 0; Poland 1.5, Bulgaria 1.5; China 2, Romania 1; West Germany 2.5, Spain 0.5; England 2, Yugoslavia 1; US 3, France 0.

Ireland 0.5, Israel 3.5; Philippines 2, W Germany 2; Poland 3.5, Turkey 0.5; Belgium 1.5, Greece 2.5; Egypt 2.5, India 1.5; Indonesia 3.5, Paraguay 0.5; Wales 1.5, Austria 2.5; Hong Kong 0.5, Mexico 2.5 (1 adj); Zimbabwe 2, Trinidad Mobago 2; Jamaica 2.5, Papua New Guinea 1.5.

Women's standings:

USSR 24, Bulgaria 20.5, China and West Germany 19.5, Romania 19, Hungary 18 (one game adjourned), US 18.

● MOSCOW – Gary Kasparov, the challenger, took his fourth time-out yesterday in the marathon world chess championship which Anatoly Karpov, the titleholder, is leading by five wins to zero. Next game will be on Monday.

● The Central Committee of the International Chess Federation decided to accept a Greek offer to host the Chess Olympiads every four years.

Competing ideologies lay claim to Grenada airport

From Christopher Thomas, St George's Grenada

It must be the most political airport in the world.

The Communists of Cuba started it, the capitalists of America are finishing it. The pro-Cubans in Grenada want to name it after Maurice Bishop, the murdered Marxist prime minister. Fervent pro-Americans favour calling it Ronald Reagan International Airport.

It sits in incongruous splendour on a finger of land in the south-west of the island, a glittering symbol of polarized politics, a model of waste in an island of need.

General election candidates of various political extremes have used it as an example of what wondrous things could be achieved under their respective systems. It is Grenada's pride and joy, a sort of 10,000 ft symbol of national manhood.

The airport was named with deliberate neutrality the Point Salines International Airport. It is in a smart section of the island, where well-do-do businessmen and prosperous expatriates live in palm-shaded houses beside the sea.

They do not mind the noise of the occasional jet: it sounds like the jingle of cash registers.

The terminal buildings, three storeys high, are not yet completed, so passengers are directed into a wooden hut – a former barracks for Cuban work crews.

It has been painted a smart white, and seems perfectly adequate for the trickle of people who pass in and out. The main terminal casts its long shadow over the hut, emphasizing the absurd contrast between the airport Grenada needs and the one it has got.

The annual cost of operating the airport is probably about $10m (£8m). The gross domestic product of Grenada is $100m. The American contribution to finishing the airport is about $50m.

One commercial jet a week lands there, a BWIA DC 10 from Florida en route to other more populous destinations. If it disgorged all its passengers in Grenada there would not be enough hotel space to go around, which makes it patently absurd to suggest the airport is necessary to boost the tourist industry.

According to official figures the island has 500 hotel beds, 200 of which are occupied by US Army personnel.

President Reagan said after the invasion that the airport would not be completed with the full runway, which he said was intended for military use by the Cubans.

He changed his mind, and Grenadian politicians of all hues say it is now the envy of the Caribbean.

The Grenada Hotel Association wants the island to go up-market, not mass market. The overriding motive is to keep out the chain hotels, which would squeeze the Grenadian hotel owners.

Peking Man's bones mislaid for 10 years

Peking (Reuter) – Chinese scientists dug up bones of a primeval ape man called *homo erectus* 10 years ago but mistook them for animal remains, a Peking archaeologist said yesterday.

Professor Lu Zun'er said his team dug up a nearly complete skeleton of *homo erectus*, or Peking Man, in September. Researchers remembered the earlier bones and found them in sacks into which they had been thrown. The two sets were discovered near each other in Lianning province in the north-east of the country.

Professor Lu told the *Chinese Daily* that the 1974 excavations were carried out hastily by non-specialists during the Cultural Revolution, which left academic research in chaos. Quarrymen threw away many bones as worthless.

Chinese scientists say the latest find is valuable for research into these early men, who walked upright and used fire and tools between 200,000 and a million years ago.

Cambodia trip angers Asean

From David Watts, Tokyo

A diplomatic row is brewing between Japan and the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) over a proposed visit to Cambodia by a former Japanese Foreign Minister.

The Japanese have urged Mr Yoshio Sakurauchi to cancel the trip, but there is no indication he will do so despite unofficial representations by Asean countries.

Mr Sakurauchi plans to visit Vietnam and Cambodia in January as president of the Parliamentarians' League for Japan-Vietnam Friendship, with five other members of the Japanese Diet.

The Asean countries are concerned that Mr Sakurauchi's visit will be interpreted by Phnom Penh as endorsement of President Heng Samrin's Government, installed after the Vietnamese Army defeated the former Khmer Rouge regime in 1979.

Asean leaders are fighting a constant diplomatic battle to prevent erosion of support for the Khmer coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, which encompasses both the communist and non-communist elements of the Khmer resistance to Heng Samrin.

Japan does not officially recognize the Phnom Penh Government.

One Asean diplomat said Mr Sakurauchi's visit could be taken as tacit acceptance of the Heng Samrin Government.

Sharon libel trial told of secret Israeli report

New York (Reuter) – A *Time* magazine reporter, testifying in a $50m (£42m) libel suit, admitted yesterday he was never explicitly told that a key allegation against Mr Ariel Sharon was contained in a secret Israeli report.

Mr Sharon is suing *Time* over a story which, he argues, infers that he instigated a massacre of Palestinians at refugee camps outside Beirut in 1982, when he was Israel's Defence Minister.

The story cited a secret appendix to an official Israeli inquiry as saying that Mr Sharon discussed the need for revenge with the family of assassinated Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

David Halevy, the *Time* reporter who supplied the information for the key paragraph in the story, told the court yesterday his sources never explicitly said that the secret appendix contained such a charge.

"It was very clear to me at that time from what I got from my sources... that there was a case against General Sharon between the lines," Mr Halevy said.

Mr Sharon's lawyer, Mr Milton Gould, demanded: "You wondered where it was and you said it must be in Appendix B (the secret appendix)."

Mr Halevy replied: "We reached a conclusion. There is a case against General Sharon between the lines... and that it is probably in Appendix B."

He said he checked with an Israeli government official who had seen Appendix B, but the man refused to describe what was in it.

More than 500 men, women and children were killed at the Sabra and Chatila camps by followers of the murdered Bashir Gemayel. Mr Sharon met the Gemayel family the day before.

The court adjourned

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Association tenants not protected

Clays Lane Housing Cooperative Ltd v Patrick and Another

Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Purchas

[Judgment delivered November 21]

Tenancies granted by housing associations were removed from the protection given by the Rent Act 1977 and the Housing Act 1980 because Parliament regarded the associations as responsible landlords who would treat their tenants fairly. In practice tenants who complied with their obligations could expect a high degree of security and if they were in breach of their obligations they would be treated fairly. But that position was not the consequence of the legal obligations imposed on the associations.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by Clays Lane Housing Cooperative Ltd against an order dated December 20, 1983, of Judge Dobry, QC, at Bow County Court, whereby he allowed the appeal of the defendant member of the cooperative, Miss Beverley Patrick, against the order of Mrs Registrar Vickers dated October 17, 1983, that the cooperative should recover possession against the defendant members, Miss Patrick and Mr Eric Garraway, within 28 days and £260.90 for arrears of rent and mesne profits and costs and ordered a new trial.

But the judge further ordered that the order for possession should not be enforced for so long as the members punctually paid the arrears and rent.

Mr D. M. W. Barnes, QC and Mr Guy Mansfield for the cooperative; Mr John Macdonald, QC and Mr Mark Rowland for the members.

LORD JUSTICE FOX, giving the judgment of the court, said that by clause 2 of a tenancy agreement of February 19, 1983, and made between the plaintiff cooperative and the defendant members of the cooperative, the cooperative let to the members a room at the property for one week from January 1, 1983, "and thereafter from week to week until brought to an end either by the cooperative or the member giving to the other not less than four weeks notice in writing". The rent was £24.70 a week.

Clause 7 was headed "Ending the tenancy" and provided, *inter alia*, that (a) the "agreement may be ended at any time by either the cooperative or the member giving to the other not less than four weeks' written notice. (b) The cooperative may give the member four weeks' written notice that the tenancy is terminated for any of the following reasons: (i) any rent due from the member has not been paid and the member, after being given notice of the amount of the arrears, has made no offer to pay those arrears within unreasonably failed to fulfil an undertaking previously given to clear arrears."

By June 1983 the defendant members were in arrear with the rent. On June 3 the cooperative gave them notice to quit expiring on July 4.

It was not in dispute that, under the provisions of clause 7(b) (i) the cooperative was entitled to give such notice to quit. The members having failed to give possession, the cooperative in August 1983 instituted the present proceedings in Bow County Court for possession of the property, mesne profits and arrears of rent.

Two questions arose for decision before Judge Dobry, namely: (1) Was the tenancy created by agreement a "secure tenancy" for the purposes of section 28 of the Housing Act 1980? The judge held that it was not. There was no appeal from that decision.

(2) Were the members entitled to relief from forfeiture? The judge held that clause 7(b) (i) constituted a right of reentry or forfeiture and that accordingly section 191 of the County Courts Act 1959 was applicable.

The judge accordingly granted relief against forfeiture to the members under section 191(1) (b) suspending the possession order if the arrears of rent be paid off within 28 days.

The statute refered to a right of reentry or forfeiture but, for present purposes, the issue could be stated as whether clause 7(b) constituted a provision for forfeiture on non-payment of rent.

In the present case what was granted was a weekly tenancy. That could, at common law, be determined on one week's notice. Under clause 2, the contractual period of notice was not less than four weeks. That was necessary to comply with section 5 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977. All that clause 7 did was to restrict the cooperative's power to give such notice to the events specified in clause 7(b).

Thus, here the critical matter was the nature of the tenant members' estate in the land. All that those members had under the tenancy agreement was a weekly tenancy.

Clause 7 so far from entrenching on the rights, in relation to termination, otherwise attaching to such a tenancy either under the general law or the agreement itself merely altered them in favour of the members. The position came nowhere near forfeiture.

The agreement granted what it purported to grant, namely, a weekly tenancy determinable in specified events upon four weeks notice. That was not a case of forfeiture.

Solicitors: Collyer-Bristow; Bowling & Co.

Revoking community service order

Regina v Grays Justices & Another, Ex parte Aldwinkle

A magistrates' court had the jurisdiction under section 17(2) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 to revoke a community service order (where the court was acting for the petty sessions area specified in the order) or revoke the order and deal with the offender as if the order had not been made, where an application had been made by the offender or the relevant officer (that is, a probation officer appointed for the area specified in the order).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough) so held on November 19 granting an order of mandamus ordering Chelmsford Crown Court to bear the applicant's appeal from the Grays Justices who on December 21, 1983, revoked the applicant's community service order of 180 hours imposed on September 7, 1983, and substituted a sentence of six weeks imprisonment.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that the words "any such application" in section 17(2) meant on the application of the offender or the relevant officer, and did not refer to an application to extend the period of 12 months mentioned in section 17(1).

Moreover, in section 14(5) it was provided that the court imposing a community service order was required to explain to the offender that the court under section 17 had the power to review the order on the offender's application or that of a probation officer.

Legal aid fund liability in hopeless appeals

Wilkin v Smith

Where hopeless appeals failed and questions arose as to the liability of the legal aid fund, it was for consideration whether counsel and solicitors might not have the full facts, the Master of the Rolls said in the Court of Appeal sitting with Lord Justice Oliver and Mr Justice Neill on November 15.

The plaintiff, who was legally aided, appealed unsuccessfully against Mr Justice Talbot's dismissal of his motor accident personal injuries claim on January 25, 1983. Giving the leading judgment Lord Justice Oliver said it was a hopeless appeal.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS added that he was concerned about the legal aid fund and wondered whether counsel and solicitors might not have got the full facts.

It was a very serious matter for public money to be used and private money on the other side in hopeless appeals. It was a matter for the legal aid authorities to look at if they wished.

An order *nisi* for costs against the Legal Aid Fund was made under section 13 of the Legal Aid Act 1974.

Powers of attorney

Walia and Others v Michael Naughton Ltd

A general power of attorney in the form specified by section 10 of and Schedule 1 to the Powers of Attorney Act 1971 was not appropriate to entitle the donee of the power to execute on behalf of the donor a transfer of property when the transferor was himself a trustee of the property, notwithstanding that he had a beneficial interest in the property.

Judge John Finlay, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division so held on November 16, granting the plaintiffs declarations that the defendant had not yet shown good title to property which the plaintiffs had contracted to buy from it and that a notice to complete served by the defendant was accordingly void and of no effect.

HIS LORDSHIP said that whenever a trustee of property wished to empower another to execute a transfer of the property on his behalf, he should always execute a power of attorney under section 9 of the 1971 Act. The fact that the trustee was also a beneficial owner was neither here nor there.

The passage in the supplement to p280 of *Emmet on Title*, 17th edition (1978) to the effect that a beneficial trustee who was also a beneficial owner could use a general power of attorney was wrong.

The provisions of section 110(5) of the Land Registration Act 1925 could not be excluded by provisions to that effect in a contract for the sale of land.

Time limits must be observed

Regina v Carter, Ex parte Lipson

Mr Justice Hodgson, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division on November 29, said that would-be litigants ought not to disregard the three-month time limit laid down for moving for judicial review and said that the court required sound reasons before it would extend the period.

Tamil rebels kill 80 in attacks on farms in northern Sri Lanka

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

At least 80 Sinhalese civilians settled on two farms for former prisoners at Padaviya in the North-Central Province were killed early yesterday morning by a large force of Tamil separatists. Troops rushed to the spot by helicopter killed 30 rebels later in the day.

Dollar Farm and Kent Farm are resettlement schemes for discharged prisoners or those about to be discharged. According the Government sources 60 former prisoners were killed on Dollar Farm and 20 on Kent Farm, where they had half-acre homesteads.

Dr Wickrema Weerasooria, the Government spokesman, described the situation in Sri Lanka as "very, very serious". He said the Government has been expecting attacks by the rebels, especially in the North, on the basis of reprots from the National Intelligence Bureau.

Dr Weerasooria said that on Thursday rebels had attacked and demolished a building which had been used earlier by the police at Kankesanturai in the extreme north of the island, but the police had evacuated the building a couple of days earlier and moved to another location.

He added that the National Intelligence Bureau had informed the Govenment that 4,000 Tamil rebels who had come or were coming from Tamil Nadu in India would attempt more attacks like the one on Chavakachcheri police station on November 21, in which 27 policemen and three civilians were killed.

The Government announced yesterday evening that a six-hour curfew would be in force from 10 pm. The state radio said it was being imposed as a precautionary measure, to head off possible retaliation by Sinhalese against Jamils in the Columbo area.

In Jaffna and two other northern districts, Kilinochchi and Mullativu, the curfew became operative at 4 pm yesterday, while in two other northern districts, Mannar and Vavuniya, and the Eastern Province district of Batticaloa the curfew was imposed at 6 pm, to be lifted in all areas at 6 am today.

The Government announced last night that the combined security services were in complete control of the Padaviya area where the rebels had earlier attacked the two farms, which are about five miles apart.

Official sources said the rebel force, which belonged to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, one of the biggest separatist groups, had used bombs and guns in the pre-dawn attack. The armed services were combing the entire area for the attackers, and helicopters and ground forces were being used in the search. The sources denied reports that rebel attacks were continuing.

The deaths of 80 civilians represent the biggest loss of life inflicted by the rebels in any single incident since the campaign for a separate state began eight years ago.



Mrs Thatcher adjusts her head phones while answering reporters at a joint press conference with President Mitterrand in Paris yesterday

Thatcher vetoes United States of Europe

From Diana Geddes, Avignon

Mrs Margaret Thatcher effectively ruled out last night the possibility of a future United States of Europe, but said that Britain was nevertheless a strong advocate of a more united Europe.

Speaking at a dinner to mark the opening of the third biennial conference of the Franco-British Council in Avignon, she said that several distinguished Europeans had advised her to give a speech on the theme of European union.

"Unhappily, those who advised the subject did not cast much light on its meaning. I think I rather shocked them by replying that I would need to know what is meant by it before I could tell whether I was for it or against it.

"Let me say at once: I do not believe that we shall ever have a United States of Europe in the same way that there is a United States of America. The whole history of Europe is too different.

"I do believe, however, that for nations of the European Community freely to work together and to strengthen their cooperation is just as worthy a purpose. But to submerge their identity and variety would be contrary to the instincts of our peoples and therefore could not bear fruit."

Nevertheless, Britain wanted a more united Europe, and by that it meant "greater unity of the Common Market, of community action in world affairs, of purpose and action in tackling unemployment and the other problems of our time, and greater unity in the development and application of new technology...

"These goals are attainable and I believe it is better to work for the substance than to talk of the shadow. There have been so many reports telling us what to do, so many theoretical models. Another report is no substitute for practical progress", she commented in an apparent side swipe at the Dooge and Fauré committees which are currently drawing up reports on the future development of the Community.

Mrs Thatcher criticized the Community for having failed to achieve the goal of a truly free market, as laid down in the original Treaty of Rome. "The Community's founding fathers would be horrified by the labyrinth of its bureaucratic regulations which entwine us like Gulliver pinned down by the little men of Lilliput", she said.

The Community was formed to expand trade, not to protect home markets. It was conceived as an outward looking body, not one obsessed with the minutiae

Mrs Thatcher went on to give two examples of that: "Why cannot we make it as cheap for our citizens to travel by air within their own continent as they can to other continents? Why cannot it be as easy for Germanm businessmen to take out insurance direct at Lloyds of London as it is for the British motorist to buy German cars?

The emphasis on breaking

Reporter expelled by Chile for 'false story'

Santiago (Reuter) – Chile's military government expelled at two hours notice the Santiago correspondent of the United Press International news agency, Mr Anthony Boadle, saying he had sent a false report.

News sent abroad about Chile must be accurate, it stated. On November 28 Boadle had reported the deaths of a UDI in Santiago said his report had not reached subscribers.

British seamen deny smuggling

Boston, (Reuter) – Six British seamen pleaded not guilty to charges of smuggling 36.16 tonnes of marijuana into the United States on the cargo ship Ramsland. They were remanded in custody until their trial, expected in January. The accused are: Andreas Mallion, aged 24, his brother Gary Mallion, 19, Kevin Tait, 23, Barry Cogger, 23, Westley Simmonds, 30, and John Harrison, 45.

Jammed bridge traps 113 ships

Ottawa (Reuter) – A jammed bridge has trapped 113 cargo ships in the St Lawrence Seaway, the vital link from the grain-rich prairies to the Atlantic, shortly before it is due to close for winter.

The pile-up started 11 days ago when a vertical lift-bridge near Montreal jammed. The scheduled December 15 winter closing date has been postponed. Shipowners are losing up to $1m a day.

Sailors caught

Moscow (Reuter) – Soviet police have smashed a racket in which Russian merchant seamen smuggled the metal alloy babbit, used in the manufacture of ballbearings, to the Canary Islands and Morocco, where it was sold for enormous sums, a Moscow paper reported.

Officer punished

San Salvador (AP) – President José Napoleón Duarte has ordered the discharge of an influential army officer Lieutenant Rodolfo López Sibrian, implicated in the 1981 murders of two Americans and a land reform official.

Peak choice

Peking (AFP) – All peaks in Tibet are to be open to foreign climbers in the next few years after surveys hav been completed, an official of the Tibetan mountaineering association said. There are more than 40 peaks of over 23,000 ft.

Budget Benin

Cotonou (AFP) – Benin, one of the poorest countries in West Africa, celebrated its national holiday in stark simplicity. A torchlight procession, a wreath-laying ceremony and a football match made up the austerity package.

Killer shark

Mackay, Australia (Reuter) – A schoolboy of 16 died after a shark mauled him when he fell from a catamaran half a mile off the beach near this north Queensland town.

True love

Enna, Sicily (Reuter) – Graziella La Mattina, aged 17, married Salvatore La Rocca, aged 25, in the jail where he is awaiting trial next week for murdering her father and grandfather after he had eloped with the girl.

Salvadorean rebels stress need for peace

Ayagualo, El Salvador (AP) – Salvadorean guerrilla delegates and government representatives began a second round of peace talks here yesterday with a guerrilla leader calling for intensified negotiations to end the civil war as soon as possible.

The first round of exploratory talks on October 15 ended with both sides agreeing on only one item – yesterday's meeting. Attending the first session were President Duarte and Señor Guillermo Ungo, head of the left-wing rebels' political front, the FDR.

Yesterday's meeting at a religious retreat in Government-held territory involved lower-level delegates who, according to their leaders, would concentrate on possible prisoner exchanges and treatment of the wounded in the war, which has claimed 59,000 lives since it began five years ago.

Security was tight at Ayagualo, 12 miles south of the capital, at the request of the rebels. Hundreds of soldiers in battle gear patrolled the grounds of the Roman Catholic retreat.

A guerrilla representative in the crowd of about 1,500 outside the talks distributed what he said was his side's answer to an earlier government offer of amnesty and guarantees of safety in exchange for the rebels' incorporation into the democratic process.

The document bore the seal of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and the Democratic Revolutionary Front, the two left-wing umbrella groups attending the talks. Some similar documents passed out at the first round of talks turned out to be counterfeit.

Señor Julio Adolfo Rey Prendes, a member of the Government is delegation, said on arrival: "We are expecting an answer from the FMLN–FDR to know how they are going to respond to our peace offer."

● SAN SALVADOR: A Salvadorean Army officer accused of organizing the 1984 killings of two United States labour advisers and of the head of the country's land redistribution programme has been discharged from the Army without pension, according to a aide of president Duarte (New York Times reports).

President Duarte ordered the discharge on Wednesday after consulting the Army High Command. The officer, Lieutenant López Sibrián, is officially being discharged for unspecified "military reasons," the aid said.

Asked if the murder case chages against the lieutenant had affected the decision, the aide said: "It may be that López Sibrián was no longer suited to the institution of the armed forces."

The dismissal comes barely a week after the Salvadorean Supreme Court Court cleared Lieutenant López Sibrián of charges in the case, effectively ending all legal action against him.

Cyprus Turks offer breakthrough hope

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

In a dramatic move which could break the diplomatic impasse on efforts to end the division of Cyprus, the Turkish Cypriot community has offered important concessions and effectively left the ball in th Greek Cypriot court.

Mr Rauf Denktas, the leader of the Turkish Cypriots, announced on Thursday that his side was in complete agreement with the peace plan put forward by Sir Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General. The move came only four days into the third round of the UN-sponsored proximity talks on Cyprus.

During the 10-day recess requested by President Kyprianou, who his flown home for consultations with the Cypriot internal political parties and Athens, the Greek Cypriots must decide whether to brush aside the Turkish Cypriot overtures as insincere and risk being called intransigent, or accept proposals that require a big political sacrifice.

The Turkish Cypriots are understood to have agreed to retain 29 per cent of the 37 per cent of Cyprus under occupation and have given up the idea of a rotating presidency.

They would also be bound in the first stage of the three-phase agreement to hand over the east coast resort town of Varosha and six other zones to a temporary UN administration for Greek-Cypriot resettlement.

Nevertheless, the main compromise must come from the Greek Cypriots who would have to relinquish full control of their internationally recognized government to enter a transitional arrangement with the Turks.

Perhaps the most emotive issue for the Greek Cypriots is the Secretary-General's plan for a timetable for withdrawal of Turkish troops, rather than a guarantee of an immediate pullout.

After two rounds of UN proximity talks which made little progress, the Turkish Cypriots are understood to have agreed to the UN peace plan because mainland Turkey is concerned about its damaged international reputation.

Turkish Cypriots have been able to manoeuvre themselves into an advantageous position, no matter what the Greek Cypriots do. Should President Kyprianou find it impossible to accept the peace package, Turkish Cypriots expect the way will then be open for Islamic countries to recognize the Turkish Cypriot state in the north in a move which would almost completely erode the Greek Cypriot position.

● ATHENS: The Turkish Cypriot concessions, apparently tested after a good deal of pressure from Ankara at the instigation of the United States, have brought the Cyprus question nearer a settlement than at any time since the "summit" meetings of 1977 and 1979 (Mario Modiano writes).

By agreeing to diminish the land area under their control, the Turkish Cypriots are not far away from the 28 per cent which President Makarios used to say would have satisfied him.

The offer was substantial enough for President Kyprianou to ask for the talks to be suspended. He will be under pressure from the pro-Moscow communist party, Akel, to respond positively to the offer. It may be significant, however, that before leaving for New York, the President asked his ministers to place their resignations at his disposal, amid rumours that he intends to denounce his deal with the communists, which makes Akel virtually a partner in policy-making.

Fruitless trip by FitzGerald

From Peter Nichols Rome

The overriding impression left by Dr Garret FitzGerald's flying visit here for last minute talks about the Dublin summit is that they left the situation unchanged.

Italian officials pointed out that the main object of his meetings with Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, and Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, was to hear the Italian view at first hand on the obstacles threatening agreement over the Community's enlargement.

He could hardly have come here expecting a shift in the Italian position on wine, which is one of the biggest of these obstacles. "If you ask me," was one authoritative comment, "whether fresh light emerged after these talks, I can only answer no."

Dr FitzGerald would now, nevertheless, have a clearer picture of how the Italian Government felt the summit next week should be conducted.

New money needed to break EEC budget deadlock

From Ian Murray, Brussels

All but about £30m of the EEC's available money next year has been spent, budget ministers of the Community agreed early yesterday. But that is unlikely to be announced, to satisfy the European Parliament and to stop the budget being rejected.

Ministers drew up a budget of about £15,600m, which they admitted was probably about £750m less than will be needed to fund farm spending for the whole of next year.

The budget was also about £1,500m less than had been asked for by the parliament, which is due to give a second reading to the figures in a fortnight's time.

The council agreed with rare speed that it could not accept Parliament's case that budget needed to be big enough to pay for everything, including the rebates to Britain and West Germany. All it was prepared to do was to write in what Mr Ian Stewart, the British Minister, called "phantom figures", showing that it was prepared to find and pay the money in due course.

The Parliament had made great play with the fact that the budget was only enough to pay for the first 10 months of Community spending next year. The Council, however, believed that at worst there would be a three-week shortfall, which is only seven days worse than last year.

The argument is likely to prove irrelevant, since Parliament is determined either to reject the budget or to pass one which exceeds the legal limit in an attempt to increase its power in the Community.

If that happens, money will have to be provided monthly, with member states being asked to provide 12 regular instalments, equivalent to exactly one-twelfth of this year's total budget. That would mean payments would be almost identical to this year, when the budget also reached the legal ceiling.

The only way out of the deadlock will be to find new money through an agreement to bring Spain and Portugal into the Community. This would constitute the main item of the agenda of next week's European summit in Dublin, and major concessions on wine management will be needed for agreement to be achieved.

Mr Gaston Thorn, the Commission president, said yesterday in Brussels that the time had come to make the necessary concessions and remove the remaining obstructions.

"We are at the threshold", he said. "At a quarter to midnight people now have to accept that the time of the great striptease has arrived." The summit will have to peel away national interests for the sake of the future of the Community.

● HEALTH MOVE: The EEC is set to extend its competence to cover some health matters, a subject included in the Treaty of Rome.

Florida princess: The British cruise liner Royal Princess arriving in the port of Miami on Thursday en route to Los Angeles, its base for cruises to Hong Kong

Gibraltar opposition rejects deal

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Gibraltar's Opposition will not be bound by the Anglo-Spanish declaration on the future of the Rock, according to Mr Joe Bossano, its leader.

His Socialist Labour Party, which has seven members in the House of Assembly to the eight of the party of Sir Joshua Hassan, the Chief Minister, is totally opposed to Britain's promise to negotiate sovereignty with Spain, he said.

He forecast a struggle in the assembly, and said that if his party won control in a by-election "we would disown the agreement".

"An attempt is being made now to sell us this agreement by saying that it is only a public relations exercise so as to get Spain's Foreign Minister off the hook because of EEC entry", Mr Bossano said. "But all that is in conflict with Spanish interpretations and our own analysis".

The agreement, he said, would oblige the 20,000 Gibraltarians to make disproportionate sacrifices because of the threat from some five million job seekers in southern Spain.

Mr Bossano, who is also secretary of the Gibraltar Transport and General Workers' Union, promised to protect the jobs in Gibraltar of Moroccans, who formed one third of union membership.

Final link between two Harare parties broken

From Jan Raath, Harare

The last link of conciliation between Zimbabwe's two main political parties has been broken with the resignation this week from the opposition Zapu party of Mr Cephas Msipa. He handed in his resignation on Wednesday, thereby relinquishing his position as secretary-general.

On November 12, he and Mr John Nkomo were dismissed for their positions as Cabinet ministers, in the wake of accusations by Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, that Zapu was behind political assassinations.

In an interview with *The Times* yesterday, Mr Msipa said he had tied his political hopes on the easing of tensions between the two bitterly opposed parties. However, events in recent weeks had ruined all chance of that.

He did not plan to join the ruling party and would vote in the coming general election for the individual who he believed would best represent his constituency.

Mr Msipa, a faithful lieutenant of Mr Nkomo for the last 20 years, was a passionate believer in unity

Correction

The Alexandra Column (Letter from Leningrad, November 26) commemorated Tsar Alexander I, not Alexander II, as suggested.

Malta accuses Britain over harbour wrecks

From Our Correspondent, Valletta

Malta's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has accused Britain of wanting "to take the Maltese people for a ride". A statement referred to unexploded bombs and wrecks in Malta's harbour which has become a contentious issue between the countries. In a note from Britain published here on Thursday, an offer was made to clear the bombs and wrecks.

But the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said a survey of the sea bed was nearly complete, and Malta was looking for ways to solve the problem without British help.

The agreement between Malta's Prime Minister, Mr Dom Mintoff, and the Libyan leader, Colonel Gadaffi, reached during the latter's recent state visit to the island, has been published.

Priest among eight banned from racing

Sydney (Reuter) – A Roman Catholic priest and two leading Australian bookmakers were among eight people banned from racecourses for life yesterday after an official inquiry into a multi-million dollar betting scandal.

The Australian Jockey Club said that its decision followed an investigation into the substitution of a horse which won a Brisbane race in August.

Millions of dollars were wagered on the horse in Australia and overseas forcing its odds down from 33-1 to 7-2. But the authorities declared all bets void. One of the largest investigations in turf history followed the discovery that a much better galloper, Bold Personality, had been substituted for the lowly-rated Fine Cotton.

The club banned four bookmakers and revoked their licences and warned off four other people, including Father Edward O'Dwyer, a non-practising priest and well-know local gambler.

The barred bookmakers include Mr Bill Waterhouse and his son Robbie, whose family has been a dominating force in Australian bookmaking for many years.

Soviet gloom over US policy

From Richard Owen, Moscow

A Soviet newspaper struck a gloomy note over the prospects for Soviet-American arms talks yesterday, declaring that American policy remained "negative and inconsistent".

But most Soviet officials appear to be moderately optimistic, and Moscow yesterday greeted the successful conclusion of a new round of Soviet-American talks on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Echoing largely positive Soviet comment since the forthcoming Geneva meeting between Mr George Shultz and Mr Andrei Gromyko was announced just over a week ago, *Sovietskaya Rossiya* said the "hopes of the world" rested on the renewed East-West dialogue.

But the paper said several of Washington's policies ran counter to such optimism, including the "comprehensive strategic programme" for the 1980s. This envisaged accelerated deployment of the new systems of strategic offensive weapons, *Sovietskaya Rossiya* said. The American "star wars" programme was a "further obstacle on the road to a Soviet-American agreement. So far there are few signs which give rise to hope", the paper concluded.

However, both Soviet and American officials, said yesterday that the fourth round of Soviet-American talks on nuclear non-proliferation, which ended here yesterday, had been encouraging.

● WASHINGTON: Mr Armand Hammer, the American industrialist whose dealings with Soviet leaders go back to Lenin's time, is to visit Moscow next week and is expected to hold talks with President Chernenko (Our Correspondent writes).

In preparation for his visit, Mr Hammer held consultations on US-Soviet relations with Senior Administration officials here this week.

Games guard

Los Angeles (Reuter) – John Blackwell, aged 38, pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to charges of following a busload of foreign athletes at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in a car carrying explosives. Police quoted him as saying: "I felt it was my patriotic duty to protect Olympic athletes"

Peru's conflict in the Andes

Thousands disappear in 'dirty war'

By Colin Harding

As many as 2,000 people have "disappeared" in Peru's guerrilla war zone since the armed forces were sent to combat the Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) rebels almost two years ago.

The estimate was given to *The Times* the week by Señor Pablo Rojas, secretary of the Peruvian National Human Rights Commission, an independent, church-backed organization.

When he attends next month's session of the UN Working Group on Forced Disappearence in Geneva, Señor Rojas will present documentary evidence of a further 84 cases, bringing to 920 the total put in the hands of the UN body by the commission.

Establishing full details of a "disappearence" in the military-controlled Ayacucho region of the south-central Andes is now easy matter, Señor Rojas said. Relatives are often too frightened of what maight happen to them to press the case, and the security forces invariably deny all knowledge.

Enough cases have been documented, however, for a pattern to emerge. The commission has 320 dossiers for which witnesses have been able to provide names, addresses and full details of the circumstances of the disappearance. The UN Working Group has agreed to take up 144 of these, and Señor Rojas said it was about to accept 100 more.

Many kidnappings have been carried out by groups of between five and 15 armed men who arrive late at night, break the door down and bundle their victim into a military vehicle. Faces are invariably hidden by masks or wollen helmets.

In other cases, people have been arrested by uniformed policemen or soldiers in broad daylight. Their mutilated bodies are sometimes found beside a road leading into Ayacucho. Officers have acknowledged that this is done deliberately to terrify the local population into joining military-run "self-defence" patrols.

A few disappeared people have eventually been tracked down to military or police detention centres. The Attorney-General's office says that, of 1,054 registered cases, 100 have been resolved in this way. Some released prisoners have described being tortured in clandestine prisons, the existence of which is denied by the authorities.

Evidence is emerging to suggest that victims of the kidnap squads are among the bodies discovered in mass graves round the towns of Ayacucho and Huanta.

The armed forces resent this civilian interference with what they believe is a necessarily "dirty war" against a ruthless enemy, responsible for killing thousands of civilians

Four hurt as strike disrupts economy

Four people were wounded and 92 arrested during a one-day general strike which disrupted key sectors of the economy throughout Peru. Thursday's stoppage, in protest against government austerity policies, was almost total in some parts of the country. Labour leaders said 90 per cent of the unionized workforce took part (Reuter reports from Lima).

Bonn promises rich their money back as 1985 budget is passed

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

After almost four days of sharp debate on the Government's record, Parliament yesterday approved the 1985 budget of DM259,300m (£70,000m) without any indication of what will replace a controversial compulsory loan recently declared illegal by West Germany's Constitutional Court.

The loan was exacted from all high-income groups in 1982 as part of the Government's plan to put the country's finances straight. But three weeks ago the court declared it unconstitutional. An embarrassed Government announced that the money, amounting to DM2,000m, would be repaid as quickly as possible to about a million people.

A Soviet newspaper yesterday condemned proposals to build a war memorial in Bonn, saying it would whitewash Nazi crimes and be an insult to millions of people killed in the Second World War. *Red Star*, the Army daily, said the Bonn government was responsible for the project and had shown it was backing revanchists and militarists who wanted to glorify Nazi soldiers (Reuter reports from Moscow).

A debate blew up in the coalition on possible alternatives, with some ministers pressing for a supplementary levy, and the Free Democrats and Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister, opposing what they called an envy tax.

The Government rejected opposition Social Democratic calls in the budget debate for a new super-tax and said it was not going to raise taxes or do anything to hamper investment. But Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the Finance Minister, said the proposed borrowing next year of about DM25,0000m was still too high.

He held out little hope of a quick reduction in unemployment, now 2.7 million, but as evidence of government achievements in the economy pointed to a recent optimistic forecast by five independent professors.

● EAST BERLIN: East Germany announced a 6.7 per cent increase in its defence budget yesterday after Moscow's 12 per cent boost for Soviet armed forces earlier this week (Reuter reports).

Lebanese prepared to fire on Israelis

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

Aware of the political crisis that could follow the Army's advance southwards down the coastal highway towards the Israeli front line outside Sidon, the Lebanese Government is to order its troops to prevent any Israeli armoured patrols travelling north across the Awali river, by opening fire if necessary.

Whether such a confrontation will actually take place is unclear, but Lebanese officials fear that the Israelis may try to prove the impotence of the Lebanese Army by sending a convoy of tanks up the main road to Beirut in defiance of the Lebanese Third Brigade.

In their withdrawal talks at Naqqura, the Israelis are insisting that their own "South Lebanon Army" militia should take part in security duties in southern Lebanon, on the grounds that the Lebanese Government Army is incapable of controlling the area.

For their part, the Lebanese suspect that the Israelis may try to prove their thesis by disrupting the second stage of the Government's security plan – the Lebanese Army's move 20 miles south of Beirut – and thus provoking a split in the Lebanese Cabinet.

Any suggestion that Lebanese troops might give way to the Israelis when Lebanese guerrillas are fighting the Israeli occupation army further south would prompt angry denunciations from the two principal Muslim leaders – Nabih Berri and Walid Jumblatt – within the government.

One thousand two hundred soldiers backed up by 500 reservists are to be sent south of Beirut within the next eight days.

In December, government troops are supposed to open up the mountain road to Damascus



Mr Schroeder savouring his beer as he holds up a message from a well-wisher.

Heart man downs a beer

Louisville, Kentucky (NYT) – Mr William Schroeder got out of bed and sat in a chair for the first time since he became the second recipient of a permanent artificial heart. He also drank three-quarters of the can of beer he had craved.

"I feel great today," he told Mr William Strode, the official photographer who is following the events at Humana hospital.

Mr Schroeder, aged 52, appeared to be making a far speedier recovery than Barney Clark, the first recepient of an artificial heart, who was unable to take steps until 20 days after the operation in December 1982 and then only with help. Mr Schroeder was able to support his own weight on Thursday, the fourth day after the implant operation.

His apparent Vigour contrasted vividly with his condition before the operation, as described by his wife, Margaret, at a news conference.

"Once we went down towards that operating room, I was relieved, because I felt that my husband was fading away from me, and now I feel I have him back again and that I have another chance."

After the operation, she put her hand on her husband's chest to feel the heartbeat.

"It's different, but at least it's beating and I can feel it." Before he entered the hospital, Mrs Schroeder said, she was unable to hear his heart. "It was very weak before and now it's a thump, thump sort of feeling."

Kim makes secret visit to Peking

From Mary Lee
Peking

China announced yesterday that President Kim Il Sung of North Korea paid an unofficial two-day visit to Peking earlier this week and discussed, among other things, the situation in the Korean peninsula with Chinese leaders. "There was complete agreement on all questions discussed", said Mr Wu Xintang, spokesman for the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee's international liaison department.

Mr Kim, accompanied by two senior members of his Politburo, held "cordial talks in a comradely and friendly atmosphere" with Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, Mr Hu Yaobang, the party general secretary, and other Chinese Politburo members. Mr Wu said both sides "expressed a common desire to further alleviate tension in the Korean peninsula". He was asked about the November 23 shooting in the Demilitarized Zone and China's view of the dialogue which has begun between North and South Korea.

Diplomats say it is significant that Mr Kim's unannounced visit took place only three days after the shooting incident, in which soldiers from both sides were killed.

● SEOUL: Mr Vasily Maruzok, the Soviet citizen who sparked the clash in the Demilitarized Zone when he defected to South Korea through the truce village of Panmunjom, has left here for Rome "according to his wishes", the South Korean Foreign Ministry announced (AP reports).

● South Korea lifted a ban on political activity affecting 84 politicians yesterday, but the leading dissident, Mr Kim Dae Jung, who lives in exile in the United States, remained on the black list (Reuter reports).

Tough poll test for ruling party in Belize

From a Correspondent
Belize City

After more than 20 years in power, Mr George Price and his government face a tough challenge, in the first Belizian general election since the former colony of British Honduras gained independence in 1981.

In choosing December 14 for the elections, only 24 days after dissolution of the National Assembly, Mr Price, the Prime Minister and leader of the People's United Party, has tried to catch the Opposition off-guard and to perhaps capitalize on the pre-Christmas spirit.

While the PUP will in all likelihood hang on to power, many observers believe it may end up with only a narrow majority; perhaps 16 seats out of the 28 in the enlarged House of Representatives.

Such a result would create unprecedented conditions for a coalition between disgruntled members of the PUP and the Opposition, the United Democratic Party.

The Opposition only held three seats out of 18 in the old House, but is confident of making significant gains this time. The PUP won a decisive

Mr Price: Should manage to stay in power.

victory in the last general election in 1979, but in some constituencies the margin was less than 50 votes.

Since then the Opposition has been successful in local government elections, and last year it won all the seats on the council in Belize City, the former capital and main commercial centre, which contains a third of the 150,000 population.

It is unquestionably the favourite in the far south, while a newcomer, the Christian Democratic Party, is tipped to win the citrus-growing constituency of Dangriga, south of Belize City. Internal conflicts are endangering the governing party's hold in the west of the country.

Ideological differences between the parties are not great, the left and right labels hardly apply, though the UDP is more willing to do whatever is necessary to attract foreign capital. Economic difficulties could count against the PUP.

René denies Seychelles is a Soviet base

From Charles Harrison, Victoria, Seychelles

President Albert René of the Seychelles yesterday denied suggestions that his island was being used as a Soviet military base, and said no country – including the Soviet Union – had asked for such facilities here.

He said however, that Soviet-made missiles have installed as part of the Seychelles own defence system, and that 40 North Koreans are training the island's army.

The Seychelles, he said maintains good relations with both the West and the East. "We are a small country trying not to fall into any of the superpower camps."

President René called an international press conference to dispel what he said were attempts to portray his country as under Soviet influence. "The Seychelles will never have a foreign military base. The Soviet Union, Britain and France know that, he said.

He attacked supporters of former President James Manchan, who was ousted in a coup in 1977, for mounting campaigns against the Seychelles from exile in Britain.

The Seychelles, with a population of just over 63,000, is full of rumours of enforced socialism and mounting Soviet influence. Another spate of rumours concerns the recent disappearance of two men which led to 38 people being charged with taking part in an unlawful demonstration here.

Botha loses ground to far right

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

The South African Government has won all three of Thursday's parliamentary by-elections, but in all three contests it lost ground to extreme right-wing parties opposed to the new constitution and the extension of the franchise to the Indian and mixed-blood Coloured minorities.

In Primrose, a lower-income suburb of Johannesburg, the ruling National Party's (NP) majority was heavily cut by the Conservative Party (CP) of Dr Andries Treurnicht, who lead a breakaway by a group of government MPs in 1982.

In the Cape constituency of George, which was vacated by Mr P. W. Botha, the former Prime Minister, when he became state President under the new constitution last September, the CP also shaved down the NP majority.

In Parow, another Cape seat, the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), an earlier and even more extreme offshoot of the NP, whose candidate stood with the backing of the CP, also reduced the Government's majority.

Mr Treurnicht claimed that the results had confirmed the steady growth of support for his party and shown that it now had a solid popular base in both urban and rural areas. Virtually every seat in the Transvaal, he maintained, was now within the CP's grasp.

In fact, while the by-elections certainly show that the combined CP and HNP vote remains a force to be reckoned with, especially in the Transvaal, they suggest that the right-wing tide has reached a higher-water mark, and if anything may now be receding.

Although the right-wing vote has strengthened since the last general elections in 1981, it appears to be weaker than it was immediately after the CP's breakaway in early 1982.

The only possible threat to the Government's position, therefore, is a further defection of Government MPs to the CP, and Dr Treurnicht will need to show much convincing evidence of a gathering groundswell of white opinion in his favour if he is to stimulate that.

Carrillo uses Nato to mount party challenge

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's veteran Communist, Señor Santiago Carrillo, and the party's present leadership have exchanged public insults over who should have an interview with Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, about Nato membership.

Spanish Communists regard withdrawal from Nato as a crucial issue. But the clash was about who should run the party – Señor Gerardo Iglesias, the Secretary-General, or Señor Carrillo who once held that post, but is now only the party's spokesman in Parliament.

Señor Carrillo, who will be 70 next month, was obliged after the 1982 election when the communists won four seats, to step down, but he has since been fighting to regain power with all the bitterness of encroaching old age.

Señor Iglesias saw the Prime Minister on Thursday night, arguing that because the communist battle against Nato is being fought not only in Parliament but also in the streets, he should represent it.

Since announcing last month that Spain does not need to leave Nato, Señor González has been consulting all political parties through their parliamentary leaders to obtain a consensus before holding a referendum.

SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Becher's powder

Top national hunt jockeys are riding higher in the saddle. A new herbal diet from Canada keeps their weight down, and makes them feel wonderful at the same time. "It puts you right on top of the world", enthuses Charlie Mann, who once jumped Becher's Brook with no hands after accidentally losing his reins and now acts as distributor for the wonder herbs. His clients include leading riders Peter Scudamore and John Francome.

Keeping up

Robert Walters set off yesterday to become world champion of the great playground sport of Keepy-Uppy, the art of juggling a football without letting it touch the ground or your hand. For all I know, he is still at it. The record is 12 hours, 15 minutes.

Postage stump

The island of Nukulaelae, Tuvalu has produced four cricketing stamps to delight philatelists and enrage cricketing Yorkshiremen. Godfrey Evans for a dollar is fair enough but Nukulaelae goes on to offer David Bairstow at 30 cents, Geoffrey Boycott at 15 and Brian Close, a snip at 5 cents.

Shot line

BT is imploring the shooting community to stop shooting telephone lines. In the Edinburgh area alone, shotgun damage has been estimated at £2,000 a year. Michael Miller, a Telecom engineer, reckons half the repairs he makes around Taunton and Yeovil are caused by gunshot. It takes only a slight graze from a stray pellet to wreak havoc with the complicated spaghetti of wires inside a telephone cable, and a repair involves the replacement of countless yards of the stuff. Organised shoots are the worst offenders.

Own goal

Last July, a thief serving two years for armed robbery escaped from prison in North Rhine Westphalia. This season, playing a game of amateur football, he was recognised by a spectating policeman. His sudden burst of speed impressed colleagues, but it was not enough, and the fellow was eventually caught.

Noble pair

Mary Peters and Barry McGuigan could be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The idea of honouring the Northern Irish pair comes from Tom Pendry, chairman of the Labour Party Sports Group. "They have done more to bring young people together than all the politicians", he says.

Back-handed

Tennis player Andrea Jaeger, a Wimbledon finalist at 18, is studying natural science in Florida. A right hand injury which has kept her off the courts, prevents her from writing. She is said to be submitting essays scrawled in a devastatingly shaky left hand.

Fever pitch

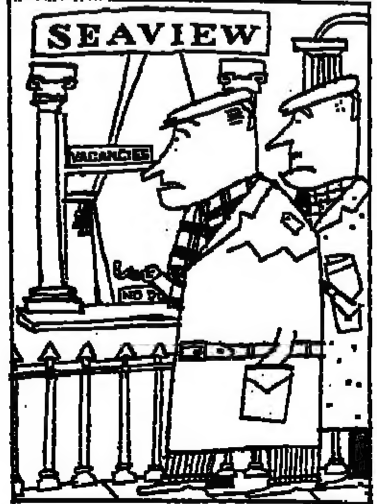
A recent "friendly" fixture between two French football clubs was finally brought under control by a blast of teargas. One player and one spectator went to hospital. The match between Barbazon and Portugais was abandoned after a brawl involving players, officials and about 50 spectators. It started after the referee sent two payers off – in an attempt to calm things down.

● **Quote of the Week: snooker player Tony Meo, on his defeat by Steve Davis: "I've been beaten by a supernatural person."**

Ripley yarns

Rugby's Andy Ripley has a book coming out in the spring. The title has been the subject of an animated exchange. He wanted to call it *Andy Ripley's Rubbish*, making use of the Empsonian ambiguity of the apostrophe S, which can be read as a verb or as a possessive. His publishers counter-proposed *Ruck off, Ripley*. Ripley turned this down, on grounds of excessive subtlety. He then suggested a combination of two elements of traditional bestselling genre, and offered *Adolf Hitler's Book of Cats*. The compromise will (probably) be *Ripley's Rugby Rubbish*. No fears about his loss of amateur status though: Ripley says the book isn't worth going pro for. Royalties to charity.

BARRY FANTONI



'The wife and I used to stay there regularly when I was unemployed'

No excuse now for direct rule

by Enoch Powell

The purpose for which direct rule was imposed on Northern Ireland in 1972 and renewed thereafter, year by year down to the present, was to hold the ring while operations were in progress to take Ulster out of the United Kingdom into some form of all-Ireland state. An end to those operations has now been solemnly declared, with the full authority of the Prime Minister and Her Majesty's Government, by the statements made at and after the Chequers conference.

Henceforward direct rule serves no purpose, open or clandestine. Any reason which previously existed for subjecting this province to a regime that sets it apart from the rest of our country and deprives us of democratic rights which our fellow citizens all possess has disappeared.

There is no reason why those environmental functions which local councils exercise elsewhere should not be transferred forthwith to the district councils in Ulster, to be exercised by them severally or jointly. No disturbance need result for the civil servants who efficiently and industriously administer those services. As in Great Britain, legislative principles would be laid down by Parliament. Moreover the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in his supervisory capacity, would have powers to act in default should any council be manifestly falling down on its statutory duties or behaving unconscionably towards any section of the local community.

Parliament would gain in efficiency by legislating for Ulster at the same time as for Great Britain, and the representatives of this province would take their fair share in the formative stages of the legislative process, instead of having to sit by with folded hands waiting for a carbon copy, unamendable, to be imposed on Ulster.

Now that "reunification exercise", as a minister once incautiously called it in my hearing, has been terminated the Northern Ireland Office can become just like any other department of state, leading the administration of which it is an integral part and staffed by civil servants whose career opportunities elsewhere in the UK bring wider and more varied experience to bear upon the government of their native province. The end of direct rule means the end of Stormont Castle and the start of a new-style Northern Ireland Office.

The most damaging aspect of direct rule is the most difficult to eradicate. It is the "alienation" – that word is irresistibly fashionable – of the people and electorate of Ulster from the political process of the United Kingdom.

Party politics of the UK are the political process of our own nation, the nation to which we proudly belong. In the longer term we cannot accept the banishment from that process that was entailed upon us by direct rule and by our perception, through all the years since 1972 that the British political parties – the Conservative Party of Heath no less than the Labour Party of Wilson – really wanted to get rid of us and were working towards that by whatever means they could.

If Ulster's constitutional status is now to be put as beyond all cavil and debate – and that, I take it, is what the Chequers event was intended to bring about – the people of Ulster must have the same opportunity as their fellow citizens to debate, and to decide, the great national issues which give meaning and purpose to the mainland political parties. When that is accomplished the long agony of Ulster will lie behind us and its people, all of them, will at last have entered into secure possession of their inheritance.

I will not remain at the level of generalities. The process has to begin somewhere some time. For all its claims to represent the principles of democracy, I see no prospect that the Labour Party will make the start. If it is to be the Conservative Party that ends direct rule by breaking off the long intrigue of which direct rule was the instrument, then it is through the Conservative Party that those Ulster electors who would be supporters and members of the Conservative Party in Great Britain must find a way to participate in the politics of their country, a country no longer a stepmother but a true mother to this province of Ulster.

The author is Official Unionist MP for Down South. This is extracted from a speech delivered last night to the Warrenpoint branch of the South Down Unionist Association.

John Crossland on the reconstruction of a famous sea battle

Secrets of the burning deck revealed

The explosion was heard 15 miles away in Alexandria. To John Nicol, serving a gun in the foetid darkness of the lower deck, it seemed that the whole after-part of his ship, the *Goliath*, had blown up, it "got such a shake". Sir Edward Berry, Nelson's flag-captain, spoke later of "an awful pause and death-like silence for about three minutes".

L'Orient – with three continuous gun decks and 120 guns in broadside one of the largest first-rate battleships of her day – blew up at the height of the Battle of the Nile.

By 9.30 in the evening the great ship was blazing like some Viking's funeral pyre. The French Admiral Brueys was lying dead in his cabin and only the captain, Casabianca, continued to stamp the quarter deck in defiance, refusing to haul down the tricolour. His 10-year-old son, subject of the most famous lines about the battle, "the boy stood on the burning deck", was apparently clinging to the rigging, itself now a flaming ladder to the night sky.

At 10pm the end came in a firestorm which briefly threw both fleets into clear relief and showed the French how they had been completely outmanoeuvred by Nelson. The inky shoal waters then swallowed *L'Orient*. They sealed a repository of secrets which, 186 years later, a French archaeological team is now seeking to answer.

Just back from the Nile team leader M Jacques Dumas, a marine lawyer and diver of 40 years' experience, gave *The Times* a progress report on the first full season of diving.

Last season, in a reconnaissance dive backed by the French and Egyptian governments, Dumas found the skeleton of a man o' war. But which? Four French ships sank in the battle – nine others were taken as prizes and two escaped – and their exact location had never been established. Working in the disturbed silt and sand of the Nile's mouth, sometimes with a heavy sea running and unable to see more than six feet in front of their faces, the team found the task of identification daunting.

Perhaps it had been auspicious to invite the 70-year-old Prince Louis Napoleon, head of the Bonaparte family, to participate in a dive this summer. They soon found the huge rudder of the vessel, 12 metres high and weighing 12 tons, and carved into one of the bronze gudgeons or pintles was the name *Le Dauphin Royal*, the name by which *L'Orient* was known before the French Revolution.

Working in a straight line towards the huge bow anchor found last year, Dumas and his team were able to get an idea of *L'Orient's* size (her construction plans vanished in the Revolution) and how she was damaged by the explosion. The fact that rows of 36-pounder cannon, normally breached with an intervening space of about 16 metres, were found 50 or 60 metres apart indicated that she had been opened into two halves. Great stretches of what had been "the burning deck" emerged from the sand, together with blocks for the rigging, still in working condition.

"To identify this great ship was a coup in itself". M Dumas told me from the elegant Paris office occupied by SOFRAS (Société Française d' Archaeologie Sous-marine). "But one of our aims is to reconstruct the battle, as far as possible, from archaeological sources, and having pinpointed *L'Orient* we can now establish the exact positions of the other French ships."

Also, for the first time, it converts the rough sketch map of Aboukir Bay and the two fleets, drawn by one of Nelson's officers, into the reality of a battleground, and shows the measure of Brueys' fatal complacency. He was anchored with a fortified island protecting the head of his line, and shoals and frigates the flanks. However, says Dumas, "We found there were as much as 3,000 metres between the French fleet and Aboukir Island. Even with the reefs at the entrance to the bay that was too much."

Nelson exploited the gap and destroyed the launchpad from which Bonaparte planned to cut Britain's vital link with its Indian possessions. Dumas has found one of the printing presses sunk with the ship, complete with Arabic type, from which the French poured out propaganda leaflets inciting the Egyptians to rise as allies of the Revolution. The type founts originated in the Vatican, the only European source of Arabic type. Dumas has turned up correspondence between Napoleon and a mathematician named Manges directing the commandeering of these presses for the expedition.

Personal trinkets found in the area of the officers' quarters have started a train of romantic speculation. It is known there was a woman on *L'Orient*, Pauline Foures, who was smuggled aboard disguised as an artilleryman by her officer husband. She was not present at the battle and later became the mistress of Citizen General Bonaparte.

Rummaging in the silt, Dumas found a decorated gold thimble. Did Pauline leave it behind or was there another woman on board? Nearby was a gold chain with the initial "B". Could it have belonged to the admiral? A check was made into the archives at Uzès, his home town, but it was inconlusive.

Muskets, sabres and dozens of metal buttons and cap badges appeared regularly, the latter bearing regimental numbers, thus helping to fill in the record of Napoleon's army. *L'Orient*'s position gave Dumas a bearing on the frigate L'Artemise, which had been set on fire by her captain rather than surrender. Here they found the ship's compass, to match the bronze set square discovered in *L'Orient*.

Roughly five metres of the ships' upperworks have been found to be intact, giving Dumas high hopes of uncovering a "French Mary Rose".

The French death toll at the Nile was 1,700. As John Nichol noted: "The whole bay was covered with dead bodies, mangled, wounded and scorched, not a bit of clothes on them, except their trowsers." Dumas has found the remains of many of them and, when the excavation is complete, intends to lower some suitable memorial to the seabed. He also intends to reconstruct the remains of *L'Orient's* stern, either in France or Eygpt, as a permanent memorial.

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Battle of the Nile: from an engraving by Charles Lawrie

Forest hopes may lie with the Greens

Hainburg, Lower Austria

Lying some 25 miles east of Vienna, the Medieval town of Hainburg has long attracted the conservationist's interest. Its picturesque thirteenth-century walls guard the spot where King Przemsyl of Bohemia married Margaret of Austria. According to sagas, Attila the Hun waited here for Kriemhild while a mile further west are the sulphurous waters of Bad Deutsch Altemburg, which have attracted visitors from the time of the Romans.

Less than 200 yards from Hainburg stretches Central Europe's last surviving wetland forest, 800,000 square metres of nature reserve which arouses the enthusiasm of nature lovers throughout the world.

Last Monday, after almost a year of acrimonious debate, the Lower Austrian government decided to press ahead with plans to construct a hydro-electric power station 600 yards to the north of Hainburg, on the Danube. The decision, based on a belief that the wetland forest's unique ecological system could survive drastic construction and a radical deepening of the Danube riverbed, has been hailed as Central Europe's environmental catastrophe of the century.

The World Wildlife Fund, together with distinguished Nobel prizewinner Professor Konrad Lorenz, have argued for months that the construction of the power station would have disastrous ecological effects. In February this year the Duke of Edinburgh spoke in Vienna as president of the fund, warning the Austrian government that if it approved the decision of the regional government it would irrevocably damage its standing in the conservation world.

The Duke's statements drew fire from socialist politicians in Austria, who accused him of unwarranted interference in their internal affairs. At the same time, however, over 100,000 signatures were gathered supporting the fund's stand on the issue. Even the Czechoslovakian government, not known for harbouring "green" sentiments, denounced the scheme, insisting that in addition to the environmental effects in Austria the nearby Slovak town of Bratislava would run the risk of floods while the station was constructed.

To counter this unusual but formidable alliance of communists, royalty and eminent scientific opinion, the Austrian government mobilized 50,000 trade unionists to demonstrate in favour of the power station. Their march through Vienna reminded those who opposed the project that they were taking on one of the most powerful industries in the country, and one which had the government's almost undivided support.

Last Monday's decision, abruptly announced by the environment spokesman for Lower Austria, Dr Ernest Brezovsky, brought home even more dramatically the odds against the conservation lobby. Dr Brezovsky, refusing to publish any of the evidence he had heard, merely stated that the majority of statements from environmental experts had argued in favour of the project.

The World Wildlife Fund insists that no expert of any repute would dare to approve of the Hainburg plan. The fund is determined to take the Lower Austrian government to court and has accused it of falsifying the evidence. According to Herr Hans Wagner, the fund's spokesman, the decision was a "crass abuse of democracy".

For Austria's leaders the decision has highlighted, for the second time in recent years, the enormous passions energy policy can arouse. In 1978, after spending over £60m on the construction of a nuclear power station at Zwentendorf on the Danube, a referendum voted against activating it.

For six years Zwentendorf has remained a museum costing Austria £650m to preserve. Were Zwentendorf demolished the obvious cushion for the blow to Austria's demoralized energy industy would be the go-ahead for Hainburg.

Although most politicians agree that with Austria exporting at least 10 per cent of her hydro-electric energy there is at present no drastic need for a new power station. But those in favour of Hainburg argue that there is no guarantee that this will always be the case. Combined with trade union pressure and a widespread belief that the government must show some decisiveness, this argument has finally forced its hand.

But as the World Wildlife Fund prepares its legal case, and as thousands of signatures pour into the parliament protesting at the decision, Vienna may yet decide to hold some kind of referendum on the issue. The unprecedented victory two months ago of the Greens in Voralberg in Western Austria, which gave them four seats in the provincial government, has been a warning to Vienna that there is more than enough feeling in Austria for a protest vote.

While the government is undeterred by the opprobrium it would receive in the conservationist world, it will think twice before focusing disenchantment with the two major political parties on so emotive an issue. The hope that this may ultimately prevent the project from going ahead is the only optimism the conservationists may now feel.

Richard Bassett

Woodrow Wyatt

Arthur Scargill's exhausted seam

The National Coal Board employs some 222,000 men. This week more than 100,000 were not on strike. The National Union of Mineworkers' membership among NCB employees is 189,000 of which over 68,000 were not on strike this week. Why are 121,000 NUM members still not at work?

Intimidation must account for a large number. In tight communities where the majority are not working, the risk of physical attack, house burning and so on is acute. Apart from the intimidated there are two categories, which tend to merge into each other: those who believe in blind loyalty to the union right or wrong; and those who are convinced that Mr Scargill is right when he says the strike can be won.

Scargill has one incontrovertible argument on his side. Last March, the NCB *did* propose a reduction of 4 million tonnes of high-cost coal production with a commensurate loss of jobs (it was 20,000 the previous year) in accordance with its aim of cutting out the worst loss-making pits and concentrating on cheaper coal production.

He asserts that miners do not have the right to accept large voluntary redundancy payments because that would be to take away the jobs of their descendants. In older mining communities based on nearby pits this argument has some appeal, though the NCB would have no difficulty achieving the voluntary redundancies it is looking for.

To keep up the morale of that section of his members voluntarily on strike, Scargill has to convince them that they can win, and the NCB be forced to abandon pit closures and job cuts. From the outset, he has made florid claims to this effect. In May he said power stations had only eight weeks supply of coal. The hoped-for power cuts should therefore have come in July. He has frequently repeated predictions of power cuts which have never come and apparently his most fervent followers are not yet disenchanted.

Last Monday Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said that there were stocks of 37 million tonnes of coal, a reduction of only around 76 million tonnes since the strike began in March. The Central Electricity Generating Board has not even begun to import foreign coal, readily available at Rotterdam for £35 a tonne, plus £5 delivery to Britain (against the average cost of £46 a tonne for undelivered home-produced coal). Between August and September the stocks at power stations actually rose from 15.27 million to 15.6 million tonnes.

There are some 22 million tonnes at collieries and open-cast sites. The magic of Scargill presumably convinces his followers that these could not be moved, but despite a few railmen being awkward there has not been any problem in getting coal moved by road. The much vaunted help the NUM was to get from the TUC and other unions has not materialised and is increasingly less likely to do so: something which must be obvious to his members.

It is not a question of power cuts being forced in the winter, early next year or next summer. The strike could continue indefinitely without any power cuts. The 63 pits producing coal are contributing nearly 600,000 tonnes a week. Alternative fuel and coal imports could easily top up the gaps if the coal stocks are run down.

Though he does not say so, Scargill probably realizes this. To buoy up the hopes of his followers he uses an additional argument that the cost to the nation of the strike is so intolerable that the Government and NCB will have to give in. In his autumn statement, Mr Nigel Lawson put the extra cost of the strike so far on the public sector borrowing requirement at £1,500m. This is by no means unbearable and has not deterred Lawson from promising tax cuts in the next budget. Nor is it easy to assess the true cost of the strike: coal stocks being used have already been paid for and the wages of the miners not at work are being saved. The strike could last for 10 years and the country would still be nowhere near having to give in.

So Scargill is resorting to proclaiming doom for some pits unless all miners join the strike. At Bersham in North Wales on November 8 a narrow majority of striking miners working voted for the strike to continue. Today nearly all the Bersham miners are at work with Scargill declaring that the NCB intends to close the pit. However, the NCB has said officially that the pit can become profitable and denies any intention to close it.

Scargill recently claimed that half of the nine North Derbyshire pits face imminent closure on economic grounds. Mr Ken Moses, the NCB area director, has challenged him to name these pits and debate the issue publicly as the NCB has no plans to close any. Scargill has backed away; he cannot risk being discredited.

He claims the NCB figures of more than 68,000 not on strike are wrong and this week maintained that only 51,725 were non-strikers. The NCB makes the reasonable reply that its auditors would not allow it to get away with paying 68,000-plus for work they are not doing.

Similarly, Scargill asserts that many who went back to work have rejoined the strike. The real figures are that 22 rejoined the strike in the week ending Friday, November 9 and 98 rejoined it in the week ending Friday, November 16.

The drift back to work has slowed down for the time being but Scargill will be hard driven to go on persuading even his more rabid followers that it is not happening. He is undoubtedly a considerable orator and propagandist. It will be interesting to see how long his claim that the strike will succeed will be believed by enough NUM members to maintain it in any significant form. As the record of inaccurate predictions and statements lengthens, the willingness of the genuine, as opposed to intimidated, strikers to believe that the strike can be won must diminish.

The NCB was foolish to prophesy that more than half the NUM employees would be back at work by Christmas, but already over one-third of them are. The erosion of the strike, however slow, is now inevitable and Scargill's rhodomontade will not be enough to hold back more than his most fanatical supporters from becoming non-strikers. Neither the NCB nor the Government need do anything other than wait patiently.

Joseph Connolly

Promise, I won't write a word

The knack of never being without a cab in London is to flag down several at a time, ascertain where the blazes the noxious drivers wish to go, and endeavour to wrap one's entire day around the least ridiculous destination. Hendon is a good place to want to go, as taxi drivers are always on their way home and all of them live in Hendon, as everyone knows.

The other filthy evening, however, I could not apply the system as I had to be at *The Times*. The first two cabs to stop didn't want to be seen within spitting distance of the place, the third said there was too much traffic, due to the rain; the fourth was taking himself off to hospital (with orange light aglow) on account of he was having trouble with, if you will believe it, his tubes, and I didn't mind, did I? I told him I didn't mind if he drove off the edge of the world into hell.

It was the driver who *did* eventually take me on who really gave me trouble and I was very rude indeed to him, but not before he had been even ruder about Bernard Levin. Now this, clearly, was a sign of madness, and should have alerted me to the truth. "I had him in the back of the cab once", he said. "I hate millionaires."

My sympathies were with Levin. How he must have sat appalled in that awful taxi, I thought, decked out as it was like the worst sort of living room with a tacky little bit of Axminster smelling of Fairy Liquid and that damnable sticker saying "Thank You For Not Smoking". I lit my pipe and glowered at the back of the man's neck.

"Bloody Bernard Levin", he went on. "I hate his records. Sitting there in the back with his bloody long hair." Odd, I thought. Briefly damning Margaret Thatcher and Arthur Scargill to perfidy (I gathered he was equally down on the over-policing of miners and the under-mining of the police) and shrieking fury at an already terrified cyclist, he then *turned around to talk to me*, saw the pipe, and lost his mind.

He stood on the brakes. "Right, that's it! Out! You bloody pop stars. If you were a woman, I'd kill you. I've already *thanked* you for not smoking. Out!"

We were at the wrong end of the Gray's Inn Road and the rain hung outside like a hospital blanket. "Look", I tried, "just take me to *The Times*, and then you can scurry back to your asylum." As soon as it was out, I judged the mot unwise, and became convinced of this when he got out of the cab and made for me. I thought I would follow his example and leapt like a rabbit.

Picture us, then, on either side of the taxi pounded by London rain, when suddenly – to make matters worse – the man began to cry. I toyed with compassion and settled for flight. "Please come back in!" he wailed as I splattered away, "I'm all right now. It comes and goes!"

Well by this time I was going like the blazes, but didn't he just get back into the cab and start following me. I was scrabbling along the Gray's Inn Road telling myself to remain calm, while becoming more sodden than ever in my life, being tailed by a taxi at five miles an hour, with a braying driver beseeching me to get back into it. I tried to pretend it was nothing to do with me and thought the worst thing I could do was break into a canter because then I could fall over and he'd run me down, for sure.

Then I got back into the cab: I was so terribly wet and situation was becoming too silly for words. As soon as I slammed the door, however, he eyed me and snarled, "I really *hate* people like you." This was now becoming decidely weird. He drove me to *The Times*, supposed I was a journalist and not a pop star and that I would write all about him. He hated journalists (falling into the category of humanity, as they do). I assured him that even if he was the very last subject under the sun, I should not dream of writing a single word.



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AFTER DOWNING STREET

Laden with honour, bolstered by a princely pension, warmed by a misty respect in the shortening memory of the political nation, former prime ministers (those who have also left party office) retire into university chancellorships, the writing of their version of events, and the occasional statesmanlike oration about the grand issues of the day as seen from a great height. That is what the idealized version of the British political system prescribes; and it is to a large extent what actually happens.

But it cannot be absolutely depended upon to happen. Like spent roman candles round a bonfire which may yet contain within what remains of them one or more belated coloured burst, former prime ministers may at any time go off in the face of the unwary, even if muffled in ermine and even at ninety. When as now there are as many as five of them on the ground, they want watching.

Their propensity for mischief is related to the manner of their exit. Three of the five left shortly after the defeat of their party in a general election, Lord Home of the Hirsel and Mr Callaghan more or less voluntarily, Mr Heath anything but. Lord Stockton, as Harold Macmillan, left in a conjunction of personal illness and party sleaziness. The facts underlying the resignation of Lord Wilson of Rievaulx remain an enigma to this day.

Lord Home has conformed at every point to the idealized portrait of the retired statesman. Mr Callaghan, apart from his intervention in last year's general electioneering when he disconcertingly blew a rent in the tissue paper uniting Mr Healey's military doctrine with Mr Foot's, has operated as an impeccable party-square backbencher whose counsel is at the service of the nation.

The other three have been on their hind legs recently and may be judged from that. Lord Wilson remained enigmatically non-combatant when he delivered the John F Kennedy memorial lecture at Oxford last night. Lord Stockton records in his memoirs that when he had an important speech to make he almost always felt violently sick most of the day before, and how even after seven years as prime minister he would lunch alone before taking parliamentary questions "in order to conceal if not overcome this nervousness". So presumably he suffered agonies before making his maiden speech in the House of Lords during the debate on the Address. It was hugely enjoyed, and as in the old days he gave every appearance of enjoying it himself. There was a bit too much about how the miners won two world wars for the comfort of Number Ten, and about growing division in the nation, and how "once you get a doctrine, that is the end of you". Enough mischief to delight, but no blood drawn.

Mr Heath is in a different league. He was in Tamworth last night for the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Manifesto. An unseemly struggle has broken out over the corpse, or ghost, of Sir Robert Peel. Mr Leon Brittan, who started it, would have Peel a monetarist. Mr Heath has him an infrastructure man, someone who could tell the difference between borrowing on capital and current account, between "the kitchen sink economics of the housewife [any particular housewife?] and the business economics of the entrepreneur". Vex not his ghost. Peel was no stranger to controversy, but he did nothing to deserve being dragged into this one. Besides Mr Heath has no need of him or any other code name. He fulminates in clear.

Alone among the five Mr Heath broods upon his destiny as *rex quondam et futurus*, a once and future king. He has never been reconciled to his overthrow by Mrs Thatcher. He ponders the means of turning his party round. His detractors ascribe it to pique. It is compatible also with political conviction – conviction politics being not all of one variety. Nothing is certain unless it be this: that if his party ever does turn back to his policies, it will not turn back to him. The charge of disloyalty, framed within a jurisdiction he does not acknowledge, falls between him and that ambition.

MR HAWKE AGAIN

Australians go to vote today, intent it seems upon re-electing Mr Bob Hawke's Labour government for a further three years in office. (The country's leading opinion polls will be scratching around for gainful employment if they do not.) But the return ticket is unlikely to guarantee ministers the easy ride they have had so far.

The occasionally lachrymose Mr Hawke would seem to have little to cry about. Since March last year when he led Labour back to power he has enjoyed quite a blissful honeymoon, as political honeymoons go. Inflation has been halved to around 5 per cent, the stock market is buoyant, profits are up, unemployment is down – and so is the number of strikes. After one of the most damaging droughts in Australian history, he even made it rain – by no means the only achievement aided by that unfair share of luck, without which no politician can long survive.

He can also, however, claim credit for building a solid platform of public confidence on which the Australian economy has been able to expand. Industrial peace particularly has been ensured by Mr Hawke's prices and incomes agreement with the unions – which was an important component of his victorious campaign in March 1983.

Hawke the radical has become Hawke the respectable, displaying a Wilsonian pragmatism which has dispelled the lingering fears of left-wing revolution in that deeply conservative country. In that sense he has done for the Australian Labour Party what Clement Attlee did for the Labour Party here, by showing a capacity for sound and responsible government – although parallels must stop there.

Indeed he has all too obviously nonplussed his official Opposition by stealing the middle ground. This has left it with little option but to move to the right or to concentrate on certain specific issues – which is largely what it has done. Mr Andrew Peacock's case was not helped moreover by his decision to call the Prime Minister a "little crook" – an insult which, in the manner of a boomerang in the outback, came back to hit the sender smack between the eyes.

Mr Peacock's personal standing in the opinion polls has been helped by a last minute surge. This was partly due to his apparent success in last weekend's live television debate between the two men – although Liberal-National parties have been famous for making late runs. But Mr Peacock's sudden improvement seems more likely to save him from ignominious defeat within his own party after the election than to make him prime minister.

This would not however be an inconsiderable factor because in three years' time he could still have the last laugh. Mr Hawke's chances of doubling his 25-seat majority in the House of Representatives look good, but his prospects of winning any kind of control over the Senate are threatened by the emergence of the Nuclear Disarmament Party (NDP) – whose members are unhappy over Mr Hawke's robust attitude on nuclear issues. Not only is the NDP threatening to thwart the Government's hopes in Canberra's upper house, but it could help to coalesce left-wing discontent over Hawke's centrist position during the next three years.

There are also misgivings about the continuing growth of the Australian economy in what could be a leaner period ahead, and over the future for Labour's pact with the unions. A decline in economic performance could certainly lead to union disenchantment and to demands for more money than industry is able to afford. Could Australians have a winter of discontent even?

On the other hand again, these are signs on the horizon. For the time being Mr Hawke looks secure and deserves a second mandate. Australians wanted strong, sensible consensus government, and responding to their mood, by and large he has given it to them. The question is how long he can continue to do so without running into trouble with his own.

FROM COLD WAR TO COLD PEACE

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterand found themselves in close agreement on how to pursue their relations with Moscow. The prospects for a concerted western policy are improving, and there seems more hope of progress than for many months. Yet that should not be confused with genuine détente.

In his report to the Supreme Soviet the Finance Minister Vasily Garbuzov stated that the USSR was trying to promote a climate of trust and to return international relations to the path of "détente"; he then announced a substantial increase in the military budget. Most politicians in the West are apparently following a similar strategy of expanding both defence against, and contacts with, the other side. But there are exceptions. Mr Kinnock offered to eliminate Britain's nuclear defences in return for a promise from President Chernenko not to target his rockets on the United Kingdom. The Soviet leader called the Labour Party's defence programme a responsible approach and maintained that "the USSR is opposed in principle to use of nuclear arms". His predecessor described unilateralism as "naivete".

More high level meetings are planned. President Chernenko may visit France, while his heir-apparent, Mikhail Gorbachev, is expected soon in Britain, to be followed later by the Foreign Minister Mr Gromyko. The American Secretary of state Mr Shultz is to meet Mr Gromyko in Geneva early next year to discuss new arms-control agreements. The gates of the Kremlin are open again. By order of the party, the climate is to be improved.

The CND has shown its reluctance to disrupt what it feels is a positive trend in Moscow. It refused to denounce the Soviet arms build-up while continuing to attack Washington. However, the unofficial peace movements in the eastern block continue to emphasize that there can be no genuine progress on arms limitation without an equally strong commitment to human rights. Relaxation of tension must be based on clearly verifiable agreements in both spheres.

If Mr Kinnock were prepared to pursue humanitarian issues as openly as the question of reducing nuclear weapons, the Kremlin would not have found his approach quite as "responsible". Yet the Soviet leaders must be told again and again that when they flagrantly abuse international accords on human rights they make it so much more difficult to reach agreements on other essential matters.

When Chancellor Sinowatz of Austria visited Moscow this week he emphasized how Soviet-Austrian cooperation proved that countries with different political systems could co-exist happily in peace. But only weeks before, Czech and East German fugitives were shot attempting to escape across the Austrian border. And more recently, at another border in Korea, a Soviet defector started a battle in which several soldiers died. Hundreds of Poles embark on a one-way voyage from their homeland in which brutal policemen assault critics of the regime. Is this really a basis for "peaceful co-existence"?

In Moscow Stalin is increasingly remembered in newspapers, journals and films as a great military and economic leader. What were even recently described as his "negative features" now go unmentioned. But his influence is still felt in the camps; over 900 political prisoners are known by name, and there are certainly more whose names are unknown in the West. A distressing number of these prisoners of conscience have died this year, crushed by the wretched conditions of their confinement; among them were the young journalist Valery Marchenko and two members of the Ukrainian group for monitoring the observance of the Helsinki accords.

Increasing communication with the Soviet leaders certainly offers more hope of achieving some relaxation of tensions. But it is not enough to shake their hands. They must be reminded that civilized states are expected to honour all their agreements, not merely those that are convenient.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student burden on parental income

From Dr Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North West (Conservative)

Sir, The more one looks at Sir Keith Joseph's proposals on the parental contribution, the more one wonders how well prepared the details have been and whether ministers are operating under some false impressions.

For instance, the so-called "residual" income on which the parental contribution is assessed should not be confused with net after-tax income. A joint husband and wife income of £20,000 (the husband, for example, a salesman and his wife a secretary) could have an assessed residual income of £19,000, when actually their after-tax income would be under £15,000.

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To take another example, a family earning £20,000 gross, with two children at a provincial university, who are paying a parental contribution this year of £1,085 for each child, each of whom collects a grant of £575, will find that in 1985-86 there will be no grant for their children and they will have to find £1,830 for each child, plus, for the first time, tuition fees of £138 for each child. They will thus have to find almost £4,000 out of net income of some £15,000.

One other unnoticed consideration is the discrimination against students living at home which is going to result. All governments have wanted to encourage this category because of the lower cost to the Treasury. There are about 40,000 of them. Yet the new proposals on fees make it much less attractive to live at home.

Fees will begin to be paid on a residual income of £18,544 if the student is at London University, at £17,224 if the student is at a provincial university, but at a residual income of only £15,824 if the student is living at home. Are ministers aware of this, and if so what on earth is the justification?

The fact of the matter is that all recent governments have been unable to resist tinkering with both fees and grants. There has been nothing that could be remotely called a coherent strategy. Sir Keith needs not only to reshape his present package; he needs to start again from first principles.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH HAMPSON,
House of Commons.
November 30.

From Mr Michael Poole

Sir, I calculate that 48 per cent of my good but not remarkable salary is taken in direct and indirect taxation, including rates, VAT *et al.* This contribution far outweighs the "social wage" that my family receives, but I do not resent it as the balance helps the old, the sick and the unemployed whose ranks any of us may join.

I may be less happy, yet not resentful, about supporting inefficient nationalised industries, French farmers, those who will not work, or even strikers' families.

But what I am really angry about is that, while my taxes send other people's sons and daughters to university, I shall not now be able to send my own. Three of them have 31 O levels between them; one with three A-grade A levels, the next two promising similar results. What is left of my income cannot possibly support the full cost of their further education; the "maximum £4,000 contribution" is as far beyond my reach as the Moon.

University may be for the minority but it is not a privilege; for those with the ability it is an obligation. Our tottering nation needs them as never before. What waste, what injustice, and, Sir Keith, what timing!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL POOLE,
19 St Albans Avenue,
Weybridge, Surrey.

From Mr Thomas Hearn

Sir, I have two sons. One is aged 18 and is hoping to go to university; the other is some three years older and is in the Army. Both are adults in law, entitled to vote, to marry and to enter into legally binding contracts. The only control over, or responsibility for, what they do that I now retain is whatever persuasive authority may rest with a parent of grown-up children.

However, whilst my soldier son recently completed an expensive training course, culminating in the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, towards which I was not required to contribute a penny, the prospects of my student son going to university will be determined, not by his ability or industry, but by my willingness to part with a substantial proportion of my net income for the duration of his stay there in order to pay for it.

Where is the logic or equity in this discrimination?

I am, Sir,
THOMAS HEARN,
48 Alleyn Road, Dulwich, SE21.

From Mr Michael Bailey

Sir, Compared with the privations suffered by the unemployed, pensioners and disabled, the proposed reduction in student grants pales into insignificance.

Marginal though it is, the cut gives students' parents (predominantly Conservative) the long overdue opportunity of a political rethink. In learning the true meaning of Snatcherism, moreover, all students take their first faltering footsteps into the University of Life.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BAILEY,
48 Kingshill Park,
Dursley, Gloucestershire.
November 29.

From Mr V. S. Garrison

Sir, Life assurance premium relief abolished; VAT imposed on home buildings improvements, and now punitive charges for higher education, all aimed squarely at those who hold to the principles of self-help and family betterment.

Where, I wonder, should we now turn for true political Conservatism?

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR GARRISON,
5 Stonehaven Drive, Finham,
Coventry, West Midlands.

Doubts on Church poll questions

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, Your recent report (November 22) on the preliminary findings of the Gallup Poll on current religious attitudes in the Church of England, has alerted me to an important question about the sponsorship of such polls. This particular one is sponsored by the Church Society, a body representing one extreme wing of the Church of England, which has very definite views on many of the topics covered by the questionnaire.

I do not question its right to elicit opinion on such topics, nor do I question the objectivity of the Gallup organization. I am, however, disturbed by the extent to which the form in which questions are asked sets limits on the possible types of answer, and thus prescribes the ground on which the discussion of complex issues takes place.

The results of the poll then give a quasi-scientific status to findings whose basic presuppositions have been placed beyond criticism by the way in which the questionnaire has been constructed.

What are we to make of a question like "Do you think that the Church should or should not take sides in political issues or not?" Apart from being illiterate and containing at least three ambiguous terms, the question allows no scope for what is surely the only sensible answer – "It all depends . . . ." How in the face of such a question could one distinguish, say, between Hitler's Germany and Northern Ireland?

The theological sections in this questionnaire are even more naive, slanted, ambiguous and unanswerable. On the Virgin Birth for example there is a choice between historical fact and legend. The Bible, according to the pollsters, is either of divine authority with absolutely reliable teachings, or mostly so, or just a collection of stories and fables. The presence of Christ in the Communion Service is either bodily or spiritual in the bread and wine, or spiritual in the bread and wine, or spiritual, not in the bread and wine, but in the hearts of believers.

Admittedly many people do think about theology in very simplistic terms. But my complaint is that by giving absurd questions the statistical dignity which results from inclusion in a poll, popular thinking on the subject is pushed more and more in the direction of unreal and unnecessary oppositions. Polls of this kind, in other words, by over-simplifying complex issues, can assist in the disastrous process of polarization.

If such a polarization is already in the mind, and in the brief, of the sponsoring organisation, then whatever the actual answers to the questions, part of its purpose is accomplished. This is why the issue of sponsorship is important.

I do not know what the remedy might be. It would be unfair to restrict anybody's right to commission a poll, and I am not suggesting this. Might it not be possible, however, for pollsters to mark all questionnaires clearly with the name of the sponsoring agent?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EBOR,
Bishopthorpe,
York.
November 26.

Ancient woodlands

From the Director of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Sir, Dr Charles Watkins (November 19) rightly pointed out the Forestry Commission's failure in its recent *Broadleaves in Britain Review* to close the loopholes in the tree-felling licence system which pose a threat to our broadleaved woods.

The review has many other shortcomings and is seen by many conservationists as a classic case of fiddling while Rome burns.

In recent decades the commission has presided over the coniferisation and clearance of thousands of acres of our ancient woodland heritage.

The long awaited review fails to call for a halt to woodland clearance or coniferisation, let alone expansion of our broadleaved estate, despite its acceptance that what survives today is a result of good fortune rather than proper planning.

Neither does it suggest that many coniferised ancient woods could be rehabilitated to at least part of their former glory.

Proposals for further assistance to woodland owners are at best half-hearted; they include no grants for sensitive long-term management and reject capital tax concessions for ancient woods. The continued reduction in staff in the commission can only lead to poorer advisory services, when what is so badly needed is multi-disciplinary advice on management, marketing and conservation.

The commission welcomes and will use the ancient woodland inventories being prepared by the Nature Conservancy Council and accepts that conservation in ancient woods is of primary importance, but is inexplicably silent about the need to involve the NCC in the future management of these woods.

The commissioners are now reviewing their policies for broadleaved woods in the light of submissions received. It would be an unforgivable tragedy if this opportunity was lost to recognise the multiple uses and values of our broadleaved woods and the nation was condemned to watch over a continuing decline in our woodland heritage and its wildlife.

Yours faithfully,
IAN PRESTT, Director,
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds,
The Lodge,
Sandy,
Bedfordshire.
November 22.

Imprisoned in Ethiopia

From Mr David Harris, MP for St Ives (Conservative)

Sir, While attention is rightly focused on the famine in Ethiopia, I wonder if I could raise the plight of the 10 members of the family of the former Emperor, Haile Selassie, who have been held in prison in Addis Ababa, for some 10 years.

While it would be completely wrong to use food aid as a bargaining counter, the Ethiopian authorities should know that there are many people in Britain who are deeply concerned, purely on humanitarian grounds, about the prisoners' welfare. Seven of them are women, including the daughter of the late Emperor and she is now in her seventies.

Those of us who have been worried about their health for some time had been pinning our hopes on a possible amnesty last September to mark the tenth anniversary of the revolution in Ethiopia. Unfortunately, this event came and went without their release.

Surely, the Ethiopian Government should now allow these unfortunate people to slip quietly out of the country, secure in the knowledge that they pose no political threat to the present administration. Such an act of mercy would do a great deal to improve relations between Britain and Ethiopia.

Although I have concentrated on members of this particular family – mainly because several of them are well known in Britain, particularly two who received part of their schooling at Penzance in my constituency – I should make it clear that there is general concern about political prisoners in Ethiopia who have been held without trial.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HARRIS
House of Commons.
November 14.

No strings attached

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, Digby Anderson (November 21) misunderstands the nature of voluntary organizations. He suggests that because the welfare state has failed, voluntary bodies (with increased funding from a public encouraged to give more as a result of fiscal changes) should provide the services now provided by central and local government.

In the first place I do not believe there is evidence to substantiate a claim that "the welfare state has failed". There is evidence that the dreams of a welfare state providing Government-financed and Government-provided services from the womb to the tomb have not been realised. But for many years now we have been moving towards a partnership of state, voluntary and privately provided services.

The challenge now is to tune that partnership, particularly between local government and voluntary organizations, to the changing needs of the future.

Secondly, voluntary organizations need to be understood for what they are: independent bodies, free to determine their own tasks and priorities, free to accept or reject government grants. That is their strength, but in Digby Anderson's welfare world that would be their limitation if we came to rely entirely on voluntary organizations for the provision of all welfare services.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director,
National Council for Voluntary Organisations,
26 Bedford Square, WC1.
November 21.

Pension law

From Dr R. F. Master

Sir, Mr Graham Searjeant, in his thoughtful Economic Commentary of November 14 on the possibilities of fiscal treatment of pension funds at various stages, writes, "The IFS (Institute of Fiscal Studies) study even described taxing lump sums as a 'a desirable simplification of pension fund taxation'."

His table of estimated costs of pension reliefs, 1983-84, omits a vital figure: the sum that accrues to either the pension fund or to the Exchequer at the final reckoning – the demise of the annuitant or his spouse.

The average citizen appreciates the tax exemption of his pension contributions and the "lump sum" on retirement, tempered by the certain knowledge that his pension will "die with him".

If, in the interests of fiscal equality, taxation was to be levied at each stage, is it not logical that the balance of a person's pension cash fund – be it a notional sum, as in the public sector, or funded, as in the private sector – should ultimately rest in the estate of annuitant?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
ROSHAN F. MASTER,
Lower Centre Flat,
Billinge View,
Billinge End,
Blackburn,
Lancashire.
November 18.

Power and superpower

From Professor J. Rotblat

Sir, There are several disturbing notions in your leader today (November 26), but I want to comment on only one, the nuclear issue. You suggest that President Reagan's policy of negotiation from strength has worked, as evidenced by the Soviet willingness to resume negotiations.

This willingness is interpreted as a failure of Soviet diplomacy. However, the fact is overlooked that during the year since the Geneva talks broke off the Soviets were not idle: they resumed the deployment of SS20s (the original reason for Nato's decision to deploy Pershing II and cruise missiles) and stationed them in Czechoslovakia and East Germany. Thus they could claim that they are returning to the negotiations from a greater position of strength than a year ago.

Whatever the interpretations, the fact remains that the negotiations will resume from a higher level of nuclear armaments. Can anybody feel happy about this? Have the "positions of strength" increased the security of either side?

Obviously, you are not satisfied with the present position of the West, since you urge the Americans to improve their strategic nuclear superiority and persist with further build-ups, such as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Is there any meaning in nuclear superiority, when a tiny fraction of the arsenals of both sides is enough to ensure deterrence?

As for SDI, the history of the nuclear arms race shows that any new development, whether in offensive or defensive systems, leads to an intensification of the race by necessitating further steps. The action-reaction syndrome sees to this.

Sir, you are advocating a hard, uncompromising policy in relation to the Soviets. But in this nuclear age there is a real danger that such a policy will result in the destruction of the very ideals you want to safeguard. You should think again.

Yours faithfully,
J. ROTBLAT,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
November 26.

From Mr Ronald Higgins

Sir, Such a mélange (November 26) of crude analysis, self-righteous judgment, Manichaean philosophy and vague threat ("a case for- . . . some element of counter-offensive") rivals *Pravda* at its worst.

Pravda's tone has distinctly improved recently. Is your response either fitting or intelligent?

Yours sincerely,
RONALD HIGGINS,
Little Reeve,
Vowchurch,
Hereford.
November 27.

Terrifying experience

From Dr Tony M. Ridley

Sir, We are conducting a full enquiry into the Oxford Circus station fire last Friday and its aftermath. This will cover all aspects of the incident, including the way it was handled at all levels.

Information from Mr John Fowler (November 28), whom I have only now been able to contact, or anyone else who was involved will be most helpful in establishing whether any such failure as he described was due to equipment having been damaged by the fire – as seems likely – or a shortcoming in procedure.

Yours faithfully,
TONY M. RIDLEY,
Managing Director (Railways),
London Regional Transport,
55 Broadway, SW1.
November 30.

Tail-back town

From Mr J. Hewish

Sir, How Hardyesque is the Okehampton situation: on one side the Valley of the Great Dairies, on the other, Egdon Heath! Only contemporary man could suppose that there is a solution to such a dilemma.

But the question all Hardy's values imply is, why do most fiscal and other policies favour the car as against other less environmentally destructive forms of transport? Could it be that to do otherwise would retard the conversion of Britain into one large industrial estate, a process so dear to the present administration?

Yours faithfully,
J. HEWISH,
Flat 3,
47 Dartmouth Park Hill, NW5.
November 27.

Up in the air

From Mr J. A. J. Berry

Sir, If Miss Barbara Crispin (November 28) believes the Post Office Tower (now in fact Telecom Tower) to be one of the most elegant and distinctive London landmarks then she herself has become hopelessly caught up in the euphoria about the privatization of the company.

From my window it looks like the rear end of an abandoned space rocket.

Yours faithfully,
JAMIE BERRY,
Flat Seven,
34/36 Harcourt Terrace, SW10.
November 28.

From Mr T. A. Matthews

Sir, If, as forecast, British Telecom will have approximately two million shareholders what will happen when the annual general meeting is held to which all shareholders are invited to attend?

Yours faithfully,
TOM MATTHEWS,
78 Primley Road,
Sidmouth,
Devon.
November 28.



COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 30: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips left Heathrow Airport, London this morning to visit the United Arab Emirates, where Her Royal Highness will be joined by Captain Mark Phillips.

Her Royal Highness was received at the Airport by Mr Abdul Aziz Merza Amin (Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the United Arab Emirates), Sir Derek Dodson (special representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), the Lord King (Chairman, British Airways) and Mr J Field (Deputy Director, British Airports Authority).

Mrs Richard Carew Pole and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

M Y. P. P. Guyonvarch and Miss K. M. Scotter
The engagement is announced between Yannick, elder son of M and Mme Roger Guyonvarch, of Bruyères le Chatel, France, and Kate, younger daughter of the late General Sir William Scotter and of Lady Scotter, of Battersea, London.

Mr R. Wagstaff and Miss E. Windeyer
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Wagstaff, of Queensland, and Elspeth, elder daughter of Sir Brian and Lady Windeyer. The marriage will take place in Australia in January.

Mr P. J. Black and Miss S. J. Colburn
The engagement is announced between Philip James Black, of Fossebridge, Gloucestershire, younger son of the late Dr A. B. Black, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Oscar Colburn, of Crickley Barrow, Northleach, Gloucestershire.

Dr K. Bright and Miss M. J. Norman
The engagement is announced between Keith, younger son of the late Mr Ernest Bright and of Mrs Lilian Bright, of Witham, Essex, and Margot, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Norman, of Combe Florey, Somerset. The marriage will take place in Somerset in the New Year.

Mr M. R. Graziani and Miss F. Clements
The engagement is announced between Marcus Rex, elder son of Mr and Mrs L. M. Graziani, of Highfield House, Osmington Mills, Dorset, and Frances, the only daughter of the late Mrs Clements and of Mr Clements, of London.

Mr A. J. B. Riley and Miss L. M. Lenton
The engagement is announced between Andrew James Bryce, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Riley, of Kensington, London, and Lynn Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard Lenton, of Hardingstone, Northampton.

Mr T. P. Wise and Miss F. C.-M.Rice
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs P. A. S. Wise, of Boxford, Berkshire, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E J. Rice, of Stoke Golding, Leicestershire.

Mr C. H. P. Gardner and Miss C. I. Rimington Wilson
The engagement is announced between Charles Henry Penn, son of Commander Derek G. M. Gardner, VRD, RNVR, and Mrs Gardner, of High Thatch, Corfe Mullen, Dorset, and Catherine Irene, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Rimington Wilson, of Broomhead, Bolsterstone, Sheffield, and Little Rowfant, Crawley, Sussex.

Mr G. A. W. Hayes and Miss N. J. Rowland
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr A. J. Hayes and the late Mrs Hayes, of Freston Gardens, Cockfosters, Hertfordshire, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A. Rowland, of Hillside Gardens, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Mr A. D. Jones and Miss O. E. Sanders
The engagement is announced between Anthony David, son of Mr and Mrs M. D. Jones, of Nuthall, Nottingham, and Olwen Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Sanders, of Hildenborough, Kent.

Mr A. N. Ramage and Miss K. A. Le Bloa
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs Florence Ramage and the late Mr Noel Ramage, of Hereford, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Le Bloa, of Mildenhall, Suffolk.

Marriages

The Hon John Rous and Miss Z. Hameed
The marriage took place at Tripura Castle, Sillong, home of the Maharajah and Maharanee of Tripura, on November 12 of the Hon John Rous, third son of the late 5th Earl of Stradbroke and of the Hon Mrs Keith Rous, of Clovelly Court, Devon, and Miss Zeenat Hameed, daughter of the late Dr Hameed and Mrs Hameed, of Lucknow. A reception was held at the Pinewood Hotel.

Lieutenant Commander W. Crutchley, RN (retd), and the Hon Mrs Devas
The marriage took place on November 23 of Lieutenant Commander William Crutchley, RN (retd), son of Admiral Sir Victor Crutchley, VC, and the late lady Crutchley, and the Hon Mrs Anne Devas, daughter of Lord and Lady O'Neill of the Maine.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Woody Allen, 49; Mr Ellis Ashton, 65; Lord Cross of Chelsea, 80; Mr Gordon Crosse, 47; Lord Genconner, 58; Dame Alicia Markiva, 74; Miss Mary Martin, 71; Mr Keith Mitchell, 56; Mr Bruce Page, 48; Sir William Pile, 65; Dame Mildred Riddlesdell, 71; Mr Andy Ripley, 37; Lord Roll of Ipsden, 77; Mr G. D. Squibb, QC, 78; Mr Lee Trevino, 45.

TOMORROW: Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, 71; the Hon Nigel Calder, 53; Sir Raphael Cilento, 91; Professor Alan H. Cook, 62; Sir Frank Cooper, 62; Sir David Davies, 75; Dame Adelaide Doughty, 76; Sir Walter Edmenson, 92; Mr Alexander Haig, 60; Air Marshal Sir Peter Harding, 51; Miss Patricia Hewitt, 36; Mr A. J. Huxley, 64; Mr Ian Finlay, 78; Sir Paul Grey, 76; Sir George Labouchere, 79; Sir Evelyn Russell, 72.

Funeral

Emeritus Professor R. F. Whelan
The funeral of Emeritus Professor Robert Whelan, Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University has taken place privately. Donations may be sent in his memory to the Alder Hey Children's Scanner Appeal, Scanner Appeal Office, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Eaton Road, Liverpool L12 2AP. A memorial service will be held early in the new year. Details will be announced in due course.

Latest wills

£300 for comrade on Balkan mission

Mr Leslie Westerby, of Morley, West Yorks, left estate valued at £39,755 net. Among bequests he left £300 to Captain Alexander Simitch Stevens, of the British-Yugoslav Society, London, "the first Briton to be parachuted 'blind' into the Balkans and without whom there would have been no further military missions. This officer's services were overlooked by the country he served so well but remembered by an old comrade". He left the residue of his estate to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Marjorie Martin Martin-Richards, of Northwood, Middlesex, left £213,902 net. After bequests totalling £30,000 and effects she left the residue to Oxfam.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):

Dawson, Mrs Constance Mary, of Sheffield £591,831

Griffiths, Mr Percy Kimberley, of Stoke Prior, Leominster £297,874

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Hugo Peel was christened Charles Robert George by the Right Rev Edward Roberts at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Tuesday, November 27. The godparents are Mr Thomas Messel, Mr John McReady, Mrs Patrick Bowring, and Mrs Richard Gayner.

Arius and the suffering of God

The lively series of letters in *The Times* about the Bishop of Durham produced at least one reference to the great debate of the fourth Christian century called the Arian Controversy, although that subject is fairly remote from the matters now under dispute.

Arius and his friends and supporters have in the past had a very bad press. The verdict of history went against them. They have been consistently vilified by almost all Church historians, and not least by that great exponent of liberal Protestantism, Adolf Harnack.

Recent scholarship has begun to show renewed interest in Arius and Arianism. At the last Oxford Patristic Conference more papers were read on the subject than at any previous one (and incidentally a book containing all those papers will shortly be published in the United States. The result of that quickened interest has been that Arius and his followers have been not exactly vindicated, but at least domesticated.

It is not that scholars have discovered, or even claimed, that Arius was right after all and his opponents wrong, but that he has been made more plausible, more comprehensible.

He has been recognized as a child of his age, a man offering an option which might well have appeared to many of his contemporaries as drastic indeed, but possible and even attractive. He was not the thinly-disguised pagan which Harnack and our own Gwatkin represented him to be.

It is now beginning to become clear that the Arians realized that the New Testament presents us with a suffering God, a God who can endure ill-treatment, rejection and finally death for the sake of mankind and still remain God. They had a lively concern for the salvation of men through the voluntary suffering of the Son of God.

But they thought that the price to pay for that was to envisage in effect two Gods, a High God, the Father, who was beyond suffering, change and involvement in human experience, and a lesser God, the Son, who was enough reduced in his godhead to be capable of suffering, to do the messy business of Incarnation and Passion and death as the creature and agents of the High God.

The opponents of Arius and the Arians, the people who finally won the controversy and were able to brand their opponents as heretics and exalt themselves as orthodox, refused to accept this doctrine of a High God and a Lesser God. They insisted that the Son was as divine as the Father, that he was not sent as a created instrument and tool to do, as it were, the dirty work of the Father for him.

They maintained that in the Son we have the Father, that where the Son acts the Father acts, that far from safeguarding the Father from contact with the world, the Son guarantees that the Father is in contact with the world and with mankind. And in that, surely they were justified.

But when the "orthodox" faced the logical corollary of that conviction, that if the Son suffered then the Father suffered too, they drew back. The Greek idea of the immutability or impassibility of God, that God could experience no change, no human vicissitude, was deeply impressed on their minds.

They shied away from what we today call the scandal of the Cross, of God suffering. Athanasius, the great Eastern anti-Arian, produced a doctrine of the Word inhabiting a body much as an astronaut inhabits a space-suit, and being as little affected by it as an astronaut is by his space-suit.

Hilary, the great Western "orthodox" champion, was reduced to denying that Christ could really have experienced suffering.

Today, as a result of historical research, we are much more aware than were the ancients of the complete and irreducible humanity of Jesus Christ. We know that he fits into his historical background with great exactness. He was a complete human individual, limited in his knowledge and open to temptation (although he did not give way to it), living by his faith, entirely vulnerable to suffering.

About that, we can go a certain way with the Arians. But we cannot, like them, take refuge in saying that he was not truly God, was only a kind of second-class God. Fifteen hundred years of Christian thought and experience have made that option impossible.

We must be bold enough to face the corollary that in Jesus Christ God suffered, that God reduced and lowered himself to experiencing somehow limitation and suffering in Christ. And though we cannot say that God died we can say that he tasted of death.

We are not like the ancients, Arian or anti-Arian, restricted by a Greek respect for God's impassibility. It is the task of our generation to reason out, with courage and with steadiness, an account of the suffering of God in Christ.

Richard Hanson
Emeritus Professor of Theology, University of Manchester

Rare Edward VIII coin for sale

A rare Edward VIII proof sovereign, minted in December, 1937, before his abdication, which is to be auctioned in London by Spinks next Friday. It is the first to come up for auction. Edward VIII broke with a tradition established by Charles II in having his head facing in the same direction as the previous monarch, as Edward preferred his profile from the left. Previously the directions had always alternated

Dinners

Royal Society
The 324th anniversary dinner of the Royal Society was held at the Park Lane Hotel yesterday. Lord Carrington proposed the toast of the society and other speakers were Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, President of the Royal Society, Professor J. Szentagothai, and Professor R. J. Elliott.

Royal Scottish Corporation
The 319th anniversary festival dinner of the Scottish Hospital of King Charles II was held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mr Douglas G. Robertson, vice-president, was in the chair. The other speakers were Lord Craigmyle, the Right Rev John M. K. Paterson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Sir William Macpherson of Cluny.

Strafford Club
The Strafford Club met for dinner at Peterhouse, Cambridge, last night. Lord William Taylour, president, was in the chair and the guest of honour was Archduke Christian of Austria.

King's College London Association
The annual dinner of the King's College London Association was held in the college yesterday. Mr A. P. J. Edwards presided. The guests of honour were Dr Robert Barnes, Principal of Queen Elizabeth College, and Dr Charles Phelps, until recently Principal of Chelsea College. Professor S. R. Sutherland, vice-principal of the college, was also present.

Lord Porritt
The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council gave a dinner at the House of Lords on Thursday at which the guest of honour was Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services. The hosts were Lord Porritt, President of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, and Lady Porritt. Among the guests were Dr Colin Barnes, Chairman of the council and Dr Marion Barnes, Dr Norman Halliday, DHSS, Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, and Baroness Hornsby-Smith, Chairman of the council's central appeals committee.

Faculty of Building
Mr Maurice Pickering, President of the Faculty of Building, was host at the annual Lord Bossom Lecture and dinner held at the House of Commons yesterday, sponsored by Mr Sydney Chapman, MP. Frau Beate Weber, MEP, Chairman of the EEC Environmental Committee, delivered the lecture.

Old Etonian Rackets and Real Tennis Club
The annual dinner of the Old Etonian Rackets and Real Tennis Club took place at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. Lord Cullen of Ashbourne presided and the guest speaker was Mr C. Ingleby MacKenzie.

Association of Old Brightonians
The annual dinner of the Association of Old Brightonians was held at Brighton College yesterday. Mr N. F. K. Wilson, president, was in the chair and the Mayor of Brighton was the guest of honour. The Headmaster of Brighton College, Mr W. S. Blackshaw, responded to the toast of the school.

Old Latymerian Association
The annual dinner of the Old Latymerian Association was held at Latymer Upper School last night. Mr D. G. Atkinson was in the chair and the other speakers were the Headmaster of Latymer Upper School, Mr M. R. L. Isaac, the school captain, A. B. Brennan, Mr R. I. Rundle, and Mr P. A. Cambray.

Service dinners

HMS Excellent
Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Cassidi, were the guests of the area flag officers and the commanding officers of UK Naval Establishments and their ladies at a dinner held in HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth, last night to bid farewell to Sir Desmond, who relinquishes his command shortly. Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown presided.

Instructor Specialization, RN
Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, was the principal guest at the 1984 Instructor Specialization dinner held in HMS Daedalus last night. Rear-Admiral G. A. Baxter, *Chief Naval Instructor Officer*, presided.

Exeter Flotilla
The annual ladies' guest night dinner of Exeter Flotilla was held in the Officers' Mess, Commando Training Centre, Royal Marines, Lympstone, yesterday. Lieutenant-Commander Gerard Woods, RNVR, chairman, presided

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
The annual dinner of the Fusiliers Association of London, was held at Fusilier House, Balham, last night. Major-General D. S. Appleby presided.

Luncheon

National Trust for Scotland
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff David Rowe-Ham, was present at a St Andrew's Day celebration whisky tasting and luncheon held at the Mansion House yesterday in aid of the National Trust for Scotland. Mr William Cuthbert, chairman of the trust, was the host and Mr Angus Stirling, Director General of the National Trust, was the guest of honour.

Ball

Wales Reserve
The Wales Reserve Officers' ball took place in the City Hall, Cardiff, yesterday. Colonel B. T. John presided and the principal guests included:
The Lord Lieutenant of the Counties of Glamorgan, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Major-General Peter Chiswell, Air Commodore James Marshall, Colonel Meurig Williams, Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, RNR, Brigadier Christopher Lee, and Brigadier Ronald Jenkins.

University news

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, has been elected an honorary fellow of Oriel College, where he took a degree in politics, philosophy and economics in 1959.

College master

Sir Roger Bannister, aged 55, who broke the four-minute mile in 1954 and is now an authority on nervous diseases, has been elected Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, in succession to Sir Geoffrey Arthur, the former diplomat who died in May.

Services tomorrow: First Sunday in Advent

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ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, NW1: LM 8; MP 10.30; SM 11. Rev C Hamel Cooke: Advent Carols, 6.30.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC 8.30; sung Eucharist 11: Blake in D, Nolo Mortem Peccatoris (Morley). Rev G D Watkins.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC 8.30: sung Eucharist, 11; EP 6.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: Sung Eucharist 11. Canon Mansel: Advent Carol Service 6.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC 8: Family Communion, 9.45; Rev C Hadley; MS 11.30, Rev F Stevens: HC 12.30: Choral E 4.15: ES 6.30. Norman Ingram-Smith: HC 7.30.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC 8 and 12.30: sung Litany and Eucharist 9.30. Rev P M Arnold: M 11.15, Rev M J Thompson: Procession with station, readings and music for Advent, 6.30.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: LM 8, 9.45, 7: HM 11. The Windsor Mass (anon): Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria): Rorate coeli (Byrd). Fr. F Jackson: E and Solemn Benediction 6.15.
ST MARYLEBONE Parish Church: HC 8 and 11. Rev P Harding. Missa a Tribus Vocibus, Byrd: Laetentur coeli (Byrd): Ministry of Healing, Laying on of Hands 6.30, Bishop Morris Maddocks.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15: family service 11, Rev J Coles: HC 6.30, Rev J A Mumford.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC 8 and 9. Solemn Eucharist 11, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd): O Thou the Central Orb (Wood): cantate Luba (Guerrero). Rev R G Russell.
ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: HC: Canon de Berry: 6.30 Rev G Cassidy.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC 8: MP 11: Advent Carols 6.30. Rev O R Clarke.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM 8, 9: HM 11, Missa super le bien que j'ai (Goudimel). Prebendary Herbert Moore: Solemn E and Benediction 6, Rev Dr P Butler.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: Baptisms, 11, Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey: Scottish Festival Service 3, Right Rev J M K Paterson: 6.30 Rev W A Cairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: HC 11.15, Right Rev J M K Paterson, MA, BD, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland: HC 6.30.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES, Gresham Street, EC2: HC 11: Bach Vespers 7: Schwingt freudig euch empor and Violin Concerto in A minor (inquiries: 01-769 2677).

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist): 9.30 Rev J Miller.
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: Sister Jackie Pitt 11: Rev Dr R J Tudor, 6.30.
WEST LONDON MISSION: Hinde Street, Methodist Church, W1. Dr J Newton, 11; Rev S Jordan, 6.30.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC1. Rev Dr B Johanson, 11: World Church and Mission Service, 6.30.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, Rev D Bridge.
THE ORATORY, SW7: LM 7, 8, 9, 10; HM 11, Missa Super Dorium (Handl) Cantate Luba (Palestrina); LM 12.30, 4.30, 7; Vespers 3.30, Rorate Coeli (Palestrina).
ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM, 11 Missa Sine Nomine (Viadana), Cantate Luba in Sion (Regnart).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place (Holborn Circus) SM 11. Casciolini: Mass in A minor. Tye: Rorate Coeli.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick St W1: LM 8, 10; SM 11: Mass in B flat (Mozart), This is the record of John (Gibbons) Alma Redemptoris Mater (Palestrina): LM noon, 4, 6.
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin), 10.45, Missa Petra Sancta (Palestrina), Ad Te Levavi (Daly).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street, 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11, 12.15 (sung Latin Mass); 4.15, 6.15; 11, Lotti Missa Primi Toni, Vittoria, ne timeas Maria; organ.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place, 11 Rev W Workman: 6.30 Rev F Kenato.

Reception

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a reception given in Edinburgh Castle last night for the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland to celebrate the Festival of Architecture.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR H. H. PRICE

Notable Oxford philosopher

Professor Henry Habberley Price, FBA, who died on November 26, was Wykeham Professor of Logic and Fellow of New College, Oxford, from 1935 to 1959.

Born in 1899 he was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford where he went in 1919 after war service in the RFC. He took a First in *Lit Hum* and became a Fellow of Magdalen in 1922 and assistant Lecturer at Liverpool University in 1922-23.

He also spent a part of the period at Trinity College, Cambridge, acquainting himself with the methods of the Cambridge philosophers and forming an enduring connection with Trinity. From 1924 to 1935 he was Fellow and Lecturer in Philosophy at Trinity College, Oxford.

He moved to New College on his appointment to the Wykeham Chair in 1935. During the Second World War, besides tuition and professorial work, he was also employed at Chatham House.

In philosophy his main interest was in the problems connected with our knowledge of the external world by sense-perception. His book *Perception* (1932) was a thorough treatment of these problems as illuminated by the concept of sense-data. *Hume's Theory of the External World* (1940) was a sympathetic yet critical account of a part of Hume's *Treatise* which had been somewhat neglected by commentators. He also lectured and wrote articles on many branches of the theory of knowledge.

These studies were a preparation for his full scale treatise on epistemology, *Thinking and Experience* (1953) which dissented from some of the main trends of contemporary work being done in England and America. Indeed Price remained apart from the school of philosophy that had come to dominate the subject in his own university.

Price was also deeply interested in mysticism and in supernormal mental and physical phenomena, and he became president of the Society for Psychical Research in 1939. In his Eddington Memorial Lecture of 1953 "Aspects of the Conflict Between Science and Religion" he developed his thoughts on the bearing of psychical research on the individual.

Price retired from the Wykeham chair of logic at 60, seven years before he needed to, perhaps feeling out of sympathy with prevailing philosophical tendencies. Yet his successor, Sir Alfred Ayer, was in several respects an acknowledged continuator of his work and the publication in 1969 of Price's Gifford lectures as *Belief* was welcomed and not only for the attractively characteristic touches of style and illustration with which it abounds.

He was a visiting professor at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1962 and his Oxford Sarum lectures of 1970-1 came out the following year as *Essays in the Philosophy of Religion*, his final publication.

SIR RALPH MARNHAM

Sir Ralph Marnham, KCVO, FRCS, consultant surgeon to St George's hospital and to King Edward VII hospital for officers, and a former serjeant-surgeon to the Queen, died in London on November 23, aged 83.

Ralph Marnham was born at Stellenbosch, South Africa, on June 7, 1901. He was educated at Diocesan College, Rondebosch, and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. His subsequent clinical training was at St George's hospital where he held his first house appointments before serving as assistant curator of the museum, surgical registrar and resident and resident assistant surgeon.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II he joined the RAMC as a surgical specialist and was appointed officer in charge of the surgical divisions at No 62 and No 6 general hospital. Later, as consultant surgeon to 9th Army, and in the East African and Southern commands, he was promoted brigadier and twice mentioned in despatches.

On demobilisation in 1945 he returned to private surgical practice and to St George's hospital. He was also appointed to the surgical staff of King Edward VII hospital, and became surgeon to the Royal household of King Goerge VI in 1946. He later became surgeon to Queen Elizabeth II and then serjeant-surgeon 1967-1971, having received the accolade of KCVO in 1957.

He was a fellow of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland and its president in 1965. For a number of years he was on the council of the Medical Defence Union and was president from 1970-1976.

In his early years Ralph Marnham was an oarsman and a keen rugby player who later took to golf. He published relatively little and preferred to devote himself to clinical practice. He was an excellent doctor with a fine presence t and, even with the humblest of patients, invariably kind and gentle and taking considerable trouble in reassuring them and explaining his operative procedures. He was a safe surgeon who wasted no time; easy to work for and justifiably popular with his theatre staff.

He was twice married, first, in 1927, to Muriel Marnham who died in the following year, and by whom he had one daughter. In 1942 he married Helena Mary Daly who survives him with their two sons and the daughter of his first marriage.

THE HON PAUL ASQUITH

A friend writes:
Many will have heard with mixed feelings of the death on November 12 of the Hon Paul Asquith at the age of 57; for they knew it was the end of a long fight, waged with unfaltering courage, against an agonising illness.

A son of Lord Asquith of Bishopstone, Paul was gifted with an irresistible combination of charm, good looks, intelligence, wit, sympathy and athletic skill, which won him many friends and successes, not only on the playing fields of Eton but in the Army, in society and in the City, where he entered the insurance business and rose to be managing director of Haris & Dixon (Insurance Brokers) Ltd.

That achievement was obstructed, but also inspired, by the surgical operation which deprived him of normal speech, because he confessed that it was that handicap which decided him to throw himself into long hours of ever harder work and so gave him the most rewarding years of his life.

The same courage which brought that victory out of apparent defeat led to an even less expected triumph. When the recurrence of his malady made any form of speech impossible, he began from his sick bed a correspondence with many of his family and friends.

His postbag delighted him, and those who wrote to him and visited him in those last weeks will treasure the letters he wrote them in his still beautiful handwriting, and marvel at the memory of his rapidly scribbled comments, as pointed and funny as those with which he had enchanted them in the past.

He was twice married, and had two sons and two daughters. They, and above all Caroline, whose love and courage supported him so wonderfully, have the sympathy and gratitude of all who knew and loved Paul.

REV SIR PERCY CHATTERTON

The Rev Sir Percy Chatterton KBE, CMG, who died in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, on November 26, aged 86, was an exceptional English missionary teacher and later a Papua New Guinean political leader.

Chatterton went to Port Moresby as a London Missionary Society missionary teacher in 1924 and worked principally on the Papuan coast until he reached retirement age for LMS missionaries, in 1963.

His work, covered much of the period of slow evolution of Papua under Australian protectorate.

He also translated the Bible into Motu, a principal Papuan language.

In 1964 Chatterton was elected a member of the first house of assembly, the forerunner of Papua New Guinea's parliament. As a politician his robust commonsense, knowledge of the needs of the Papuan people and concern for sound principles gained him much respect, as did his ability to electioneer in several local languages.

After retirement from political life in 1972 he continued to contribute to Papua New Guinean life in many ways, to the United Church, as a journalist, and as an adviser to many organizations.

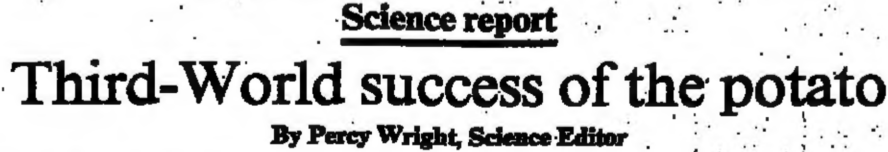
He was created KBE in 1981

MR PERCY NORRIS

A correspondent writes:
One of the most active periods of Percy Norris's life in the diplomatic service came in 1976 when he was charged with heavy responsibilities in Philadelphia while serving as Consul in the British Consulate-General: Not only was world attention focussed on the city during the celebrations of the American Bicentennial, but the visit of the Queen required particularly detailed arrangements.

Norris was able to make the fine balance necessary and at the same time to promote British industrial and commercial interests.

His work on behalf of the Scottish Council Development and Industry at that time was a further examle of his total commitment to the British cause, and his diligence was largely responsible for the considerable goodwill which grew up in Philadelphia around that time.



Science report

Third-World success of the potato

By Percy Wright, Science Editor

Whenever food shortages occur, such as the famine in drought-stricken areas of Africa, attention is focused on the failure of cereal crops. But agricultural development in the Third World also has made some remarkable achievements.

One of the most spectacular involves that humble tuber, the potato. Increases in potato production have made it the most rapidly expanding important food crop in the Third World.

It is listed as the fourth most valuable food crop in the world, and potato consumption is doubling every 10 to 15 years.

The success story of production and breeding started with research at the International Potato Centre, which has its headquarters in Lima, Peru.

It was just over 12 years ago that a group of scientists, policy-makers and representatives from aid-giving governments took a forward look at food production in the Third World.

Work on improving potato varieties was given a high priority of research. The goal was to breed varieties for growing in tropical as well as in temperate zones.

Today three billion people, three quarters of all human kind, inhabit the 95 potato-producing countries of the developing world. China alone produces 56 million tons of potatoes, India, nine million and Turkey, three million.

An account of how the potato was transplanted into the tropics, contained in the first report from the international centre, shows that the rate of increase of potato production in developing countries has outpaced growth rates of all other essential food crops.

The description of how varieties were created illustrates the benefits of the new genetics over traditional practices of seed stock.

The original adaptation of potatoes was gradual. The first ones from South America, for example, brought to Europe by the Spaniards, went through a process of genetic evolution to adapt to the temperate climate.

European varieties are not adapted to growing in tropical conditions. Yet most of the research, before the formation of the International Potato Centre, was carried out in temperate countries.

A World Potato Collection is now housed at Lima, containing 5,000 classified cultivated and 1,500 wild types. They are the material from which scientists breed new varieties.

Yet research is still in its infancy, with about 90 per cent of the available genetic diversity of the collection still unexploited.

But strains now growing in tropical countries have been developed by crossing barriers between species within the germplasm collection, using modern tissue-culture methods. As a result, previously inaccessible genes of wild potato species are available for modern breeding projects.

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THE ARTS

Television

Fela Kuti is a master of Afro-Beat, a combination of traditional African rhythms with big band jazz. He is also serving five years in prison for an alleged attempt to smuggle £1,600 out of Nigeria earlier this year.

Nigeria's military rulers don't like Mr Kuti's lifestyle or his music and have that in common with successive governments over the last 14 years. His lyrics attack corruption, the country's rulers, and police brutality.

Some of his songs go on for more than 40 minutes. Arena, whose Teacher Don't Teach Me Nonsense, on BBC2 last night, didn't go quite that far though at times it seemed they might. As the lyrics, in broken English, contain lines such as "I say there is no electricity" and "I sing of inflation", they pall quickly.

This is not to say that Mr Kuti does not know how to communicate, for he has made 40 albums since 1940 and he is a big hit, but it is to suggest that *Arena* on their side seemed unclear about just what they were trying to say.

The programme was a mish-mash of biography, musical interpretation, and political comment. One felt that Mr Kuti deserved sympathy and that his charges of corruption and mismanagement had a basis but for the life of me I could not have said at the end of it all just what he was proposing

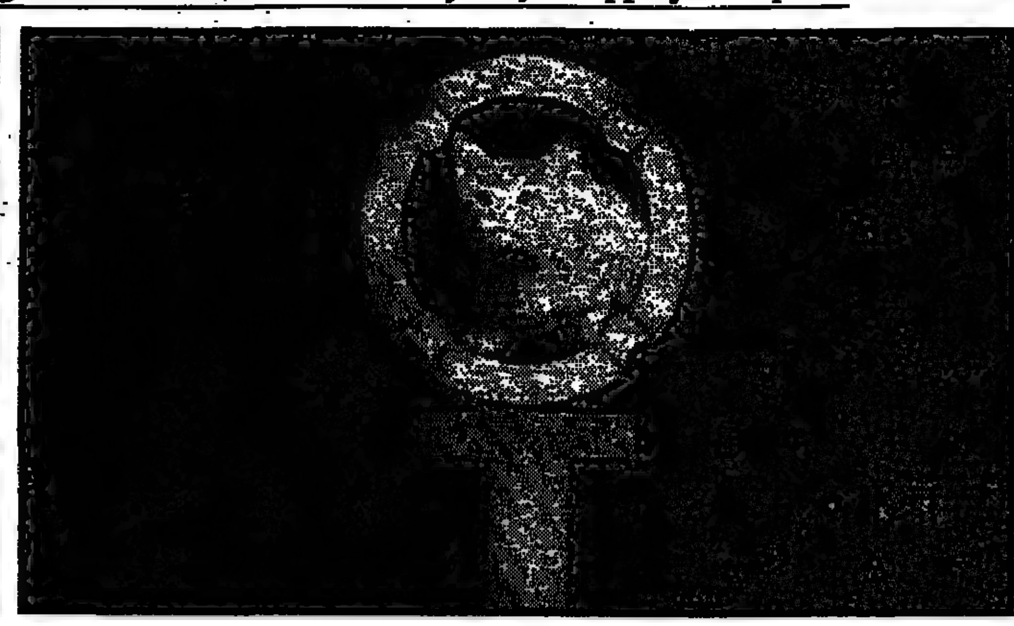
They filmed him when he topped the bill at Glastonbury this summer and this experience seemed to have so affected them that they lost their way completely. His brother and other friends and political opponents appeared at the end to express their concern but I suspect by this time, unless one had been wowed at Glastonbury, it was too much like one of the things that Mr Kuti sings about: confusion, which is a pity for him and for us.

By contrast, Anglia's *Survival* Special, Together They Stand, filmed by Simon Trevor, was a masterpiece of purposeful effort and an object lesson in how a society should conduct itself. The subjects were the dwarf mongooses of Kenya whose selfless habits and community organization Mr Trevor captured with brilliant technique making it the best film of its type I have seen this year.

Dennis Hackett

Channel 4 and the NFT are taking mass American TV seriously. **Bryan Appleyard reports**





Daniel Travanti as Captain Furillo and the new face of American television

With style you can do anything

When Captain Furillo guns down a liquor store raider late at night he looks upset and his lawyer wife bursts into tears. A camera in the process of tracking languidly down a hospital corridor, picks up, apparently by accident, three separate plot lines before finally dipping into a room where a patient is dying of an unidentifiable disease.

Both the liquor store gunman in *Hill Street Blues* and a mysterious malaise in *St Elsewhere* are television standards. They could be in *Starsky and Hutch* or *Dr Kildare*. But the context is radically different. It is not simply that the liberal consensus which underlies most American TV morality has become sharper and more sophisticated. Rather it is a case of a wholly new visual and narrative style which has been born of a rare combination of commercial interest and a somewhat haphazard variety of corporate flair.

The company in question is MTM Enterprises, which was founded in 1979 by Mary Tyler Moore and her then husband Grant Tinker. Its seed money came from *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* which, within the static conventions of American comedy shows, managed to be funny and surprizingly caustic. For the American networks, however, even this relatively tame product seemed like a high risk. They were restricted by their advertisers and the need to remain within the lowest common denominators of public taste and intelligence. Crude, safe ratings were all that mattered.

But this show hinted at a degree of audience selectivity. It offered the possibility of bringing a higher quality – in other words higher spending – viewer in the form of the educated, affluent, young middle class. Spin-offs like *Rhoda* and *Lou Grant* followed, both pursuing the carefully contained liberalism and both roughly remaining within the confines of half-hour comedy and one-hour drama.

In the case of *Lou Grant* the policy backfired. Ed Asner, the star, became too vociferous on subjects like El Salvador and the series was marked out as veering dangerously in the direction of "pinko". CBS pulled out complaining about ratings.

Curiously the company decided to become more radical – but this time the innovations were stylistic. The first episodes of *Hill Street Blues* in 1980 were set back by the network as being improperly lit and partly inaudible. MTM stamped its feet, the show was networked and deluged with honours. The ratings came later but at least they came.

The show was the creation of Steven Bochco and Michael Kozoll, the writers, but, perhaps more significantly, of Bob Butler, the director. Between them they evolved a loose, open plot structure of three or four narratives which connected, seemingly at random, in the crowded, sweaty New York police station. Butler's cameras tracked restlessly about at shoulder level accepting the vicissitudes of available light just as his microphones accepted near-impossible New York accents and completely impossible acoustics.

The effect was almost unique in American television – a drama series which actually required some effort on the part of the viewer. In fact it is an effort which often goes unrewarded – the plots beneath the chaos are often the same old stories scrambled for effect. But usually the effort is saved by the firm grip maintained on characters beneath the shifting and nervous editing.

But Butler left after the first series and two key changes were made for the second. More footage was shot outside and it was decided that at least one plot in each episode should have a beginning, a middle and an end. The effect was a dilution which made the original style look fractionally more empty, virtuosity rather than innovation.

Their slight feeling of compromise persisted with *St Elsewhere*. Supposedly set in a Boston hospital, its location on the West Coast meant no exteriors were possible. The roaming, long-take camera style was evolved to provide as much visual interest as possible. But the intimacy has gone, the characters seem too close to the old cardboard stereotypes of hospital drama and once again cheap, network-acceptable liberalism rises to the surface.

Throughout this the involvement of Mary Tyler Moore herself has been limited. Tinker was initially the prime mover and now, after his departure for NBC, the company seems to have retained its innovative ideology and preoccupations. That the National Film Theatre is now devoting a season to its products, Channel 4 is giving them an evening and a book is being published, indicates the extraordinary nature of its achievements. It is one of the few occasions when mass American television is being held up as competitive with its British counterparts.

And the truth is that, with the best of *Hill Street Blues*, it wins. British series like *Minder* and *The Sweeney* for all their wit, literacy and complex moral sense are stylistically limited. Their impact is too literary and the film sense seems, after the initial novelty, almost conventional. Yet they would not be made by any American company. Their morality is too dangerous. For all *Hill Street Blues'* success it should be remembered that it sticks to the golden rule of American television series – that all regular characters are really saints. the viewers could not tolerate a villain who survived every epsode.

It is not the relative mood and political freedom of British television which necessarily produces the best television. *Hill Street Blues* arose within the tight confines of the American industry. Its claustrophobia and significant reticences seem to reflect the real terror of middle America about what actually goes on in the streets of New York – at least as far as seeing it in their living rooms is concerned. In a word it demonstrated that you can do anything with style – indeed it is all you can do anything with.

● *The Channel 4 evening of MTM programmes is on Monday, December 10. The season at the National Film Theatre runs intermittently from Friday, December 7 to December 17. The British Film Institute is publishing* MTM: Quality Television *(£8.95) next week.*

Radio

The good news

I thought when it started that the first of Radio 4's five-part series, The State of the Nation (November 15) was going to consist very largely of propaganda for the delights of Northern Ireland as the Costa Brava of the North. But in fairness its surprisingly sunny opening was no more than a reasonable attempt at a proper balance. It is the case and ought to be pointed out that in the greater part of the Province the Troubles have made little or no mark; people get on with their lives in beautiful, tranquil surroundings. The second programme turned to Wales, where there was less need to set the record straight – or only in so far as it is no longer, if it ever was, a land of hymn-singing, chapel-going, seaweed-eating, Labour-voting rugby players. So Patrick Hannan as presenter could immediately immerse his listeners in what David Dunseith for Ulster quite soon came round to: a thorough, realistic and most interesting assessment of conditions in both countries.

If life in Northern Ireland is in many ways a great deal more active, prosperous and peaceful than outsiders imagine, this misconception is surely an illustration of the power of press and broadcasting to create very dramatic, but not quie accurate impressions: news from across the water is almost by definition bad news; and bad news nearly always means sectarian strife, another bomb, another clutch of deaths.

One effect of Mr Dunseith's programme was to remind us that, besides a bit of good news, there are other forms of bad news too and one of them – no doubt a barometer of some sort –oo is the country's very high level of alcoholism. Ten or eleven per thousand may not sound too dire until you learn that 40 per cent of the population are strict abstainers. Of course we heard about the troubles too, and came away with naught for our comfort. The conclusion seemed to be that compromise, which alone might point a way out, remains impossible since Loyalist and nationalist alike see the smallest concessions as significant surrender.

To a lesser degree Wales now has that problem too and does so in as far as it is a country of threatened mining communities. As a whole, Mr Hannan's programme told me that Wales, in North and South, is suffering from slow death of heavy industry and that this and recession and very high population growth have all acted together.

Some areas are, as they say, meeting the challenge. But in the mining districts, challenge sounds like a euphemism for extinction and nowhere more than in the Rhondda where the puzzle is to know how to replace an industry that could evade the dictates of geography by burrowing underneath it. Where in that up and down landscape is development to go? So the people of the valleys must reckon that if they don't fight now, there will be nothing but tourism left to fight for and this has reanimated all the old and desperate loyalty.

Here too compromise becomes a dirty word. Both these excellent programmes were produced by skilful regional teams and that also applies to the Scottish one which will have been heard by the time this piece appears. Next Thursday and the one after, *State of the Nation* looks at England and has Brian Redhead as presenter, which bodes well.

In a regional week, the independent locals have also been active. BRMB in Birmingham has also been to Ireland to make The Orange and the Green, an hour-long documentary produced and presented by the estimable Brian King which is likely to be heard around the IRL network. Here almost without respite – there was a brief foray into North Belfast – we were among the dwellers on the battleground: Joe Austin, Belfast head of Sinn Fein, an RUC Chief Superintendent, a priest disowned by his church for his attempts to ease the strife, two members of the UDA, and so on. They were men, and women too, who spoke out of day to day experiences of life in the Falls and the Shankill and this gave the programme a rather exceptional sense of presence and involvement.

Radio Clyde, whose reputation – with critics anyway – rests upon its drama, has gone into cahoots with the Health Education Council for a series of plays, also likely to be widely heard, designed as concealed case studies of people at risk. So far I have heard Anna, starring Jill Gascoine, about a lady with a drink problem, and Chinese Dreamers with Joss Ackland and Eileen McCallum, about an overstressed seaside theatre manager who suffers a first heart attack. Both were written by Nick McCarty and both in my opinion were about 90 per cent successful in realizing Clyde's ambition that they should be 99 per cent drama and only 1 per cent Health Education message. They were competently constructed and characterized; they were well acted and well directed by Hamish Wilson.

David Wade

Concert

Jon Kimura Parker
Queen Elizabeth Hall

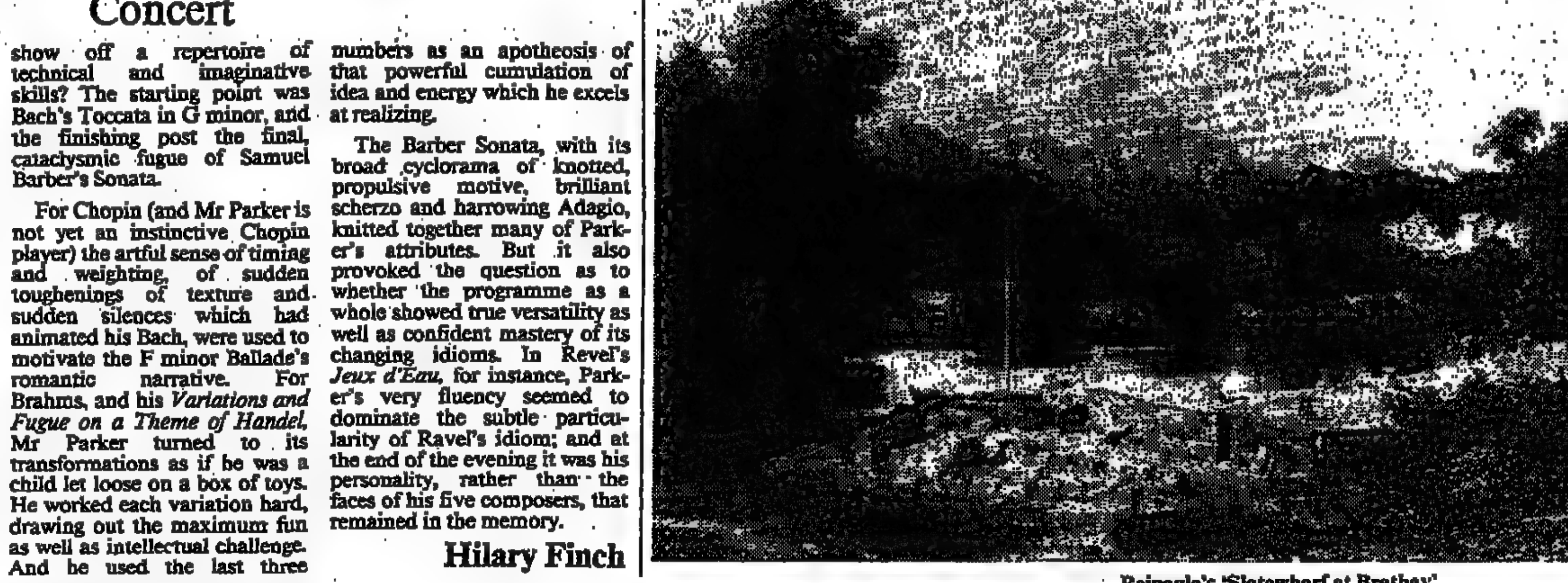
The expansive, lionizing performing personality of the Leeds Piano Competition winner who at his victory had embraced the Duchess of Kent as if she herself had won, drew a full house to his South Bank recital on Thursday night. Expectations, and I suspect curiosity, were at this level certainly satisfied.

Mr Kimura Parker's programme had an intelligently planned unity, a warmth of communication, and an assured strength of purpose which exactly matched his playing. The idea of formal baroque artifice answered by the play of variation ran through the evening – what better way to show off a repertoire of technical and imaginative skills? The starting point was Bach's Toccata in G minor, and the finishing post the final, cataclysmic fugue of Samuel Barber's Sonata.

For Chopin (and Mr Parker is not yet an instinctive Chopin player) the artful sense of timing and weighting, of sudden toughenings of texture and sudden silences which had animated his Bach, were used to motivate the F minor Ballade's romantic narrative. For Brahms, and his *Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Handel*, Mr Parker turned to its transformations as if he was a child let loose on a box of toys. He worked each variation hard, drawing out the maximum fun as well as intellectual challenge. And he used the last three numbers as an apotheosis of that powerful cumulation of idea and energy which he excels at realizing.

The Barber Sonata, with its broad cyclorama of knotted, propulsive motive, brilliant scherzo and harrowing Adagio, knitted together many of Parker's attributes. But it also provoked the question as to whether the programme as a whole showed true versatility as well as confident mastery of its changing idioms. In Revel's *Jeux d'Eau*, for instance, Parker's very fluency seemed to dominate the subtle particularity of Ravel's idiom; and at the end of the evening it was his personality, rather than the faces of his five composers, that remained in the memory.

Hilary Finch



Reinagle's 'Slatewharf at Brathay'

Opera

Orpheus In The Underworld
RAM

Opera, it seems, is being taken very seriously these days at the Royal Academy of Music. Recently the students gave a highly creditable version of *The Coronation of Poppea* and next term Tippett's *The Knot Garden* is planned. To maintain some balance, what better work than Offenbach's chuckling denigration of pretentiousness, *Orpheus In the Underworld*?

If the acting and singing do not always match each other in quality, there are nevertheless some fine character portayals. David Barrell's mock sinister Pluto is regaled with an Inspector Clouseau-like accent; he also manages some confident singing. Meanwhile his opposite number, the pompous, hypocritical Jupiter, is given rather more than a hint of the colonial brigadier by Rhodri Britton.

Otherwise regional inflexions are the order of the day and with someone with a name like Huw Evans playing the winged messenger Mercury with a sensitive Welsh lilt, I suspect that some of them could be genuine. No hint of a slip betrayed David Dyer, who should he fail as a singer, could do worse than to try his hand at being a stand-up comic.

In contrast, Christopher Ventris's Orpheus sounds as though he belongs in the television series *Brass*, though his singing is somewhat less sharp than his acting. His loathed partner, Lynne Davies, is a more complete performer, and after a slightly nervous start she displayed a mature and beautiful voice. Good work, too, from the pit, with Nicholas Cleobury extracting some appropriately buoyant rhythms.

Stephen Pettitt

Galleries

The wild at bay

The Discovery of the Lake District
Victoria and Albert Museum

The British never seem to have been much good at generalizing: revelation always comes from the accumulation of particular instances. Thus, though the concepts of the Sublime and the Picturesque (and indeed the Beautiful as neatly distinguished from the other two) were largely a British invention, they did not spring fully formed out of the brain of Burke and Uvedale Price. A lot of emotional experimentation had to take place first, and most of it took place in the Lake District. The earlier part of The Discovery of the Lake District, at the Victoria and Albert until January 17, is devoted to chronicling the stages of this adventure in analysis.

Typically of British artists, they went, they saw and then they started to make a construct out of their observations. The Lakes, being wild and primitive and distant, did not begin to attract much attention until well into the eighteenth century. Even then, it was not the wilder aspects which appealed so much as the possibilities the area offered of elegant comparison with Classical notions of Arcadia. But, as the century progressed, more and more visitors, equipped with pen and pencil, found that they were enjoying safe if not quite vicarious thrills contemplating crags and waterfalls, and, if a respectable explanation for these hardly Classical frissons were needed, there was Burke to provide it by elaborating the concept of the Sublime.

The Lake District art of this period needs some excercise of the historical imagination for us to relive similar ecstasies: the views of Francis Towne, for instance, charm us today with their crispness and coolness. It is really only by the beginning of the nineteenth century that we get the full splendour in the works of Turner and to a lesser extent Constable, where the imagination very clearly takes over from literal reportage. But by then the domestication of the Lakes was already under way. With Wordsworth established as the great local writer the prosaic and manageable side of Lakeland poetry was beginning to predominate, and a number of thoroughly urban personages began to build classical villas on every shore.

It is this comfortable side of the Lakes, with wildness held firmly at bay, which is most in evidence in the paintings of artists like Ramsey Richard Reinagle and Peter de Wint. Edward Lear, being used to far more exotic scenes, clearly regards the Lakes as an extension of his own back garden. And then there is Ruskin coming to brood by Coniston, and Beatrix Potter transforming the raw materials of her own life in the area into quaint (if soetimes unexpectedly ruthless) tales for children, with her own inimitable illustrations. And finally the decline into outer suburbia with James Durden's Summer in Cumberland (1925). A delightful show which tells us much and suggests much more, not always quite what we would expect.

John Russell Taylor

● It has been agreed between Miss Linda Esther Gray and English National Opera that she will not sing the role of Isolde in the company's forthcoming production of *Tristan and Isolde* at the London Coliseum. Miss Gray suffered from a severe virus infection earlier in the year. Isolde will now be sung by the American soprano Johanna Meier.

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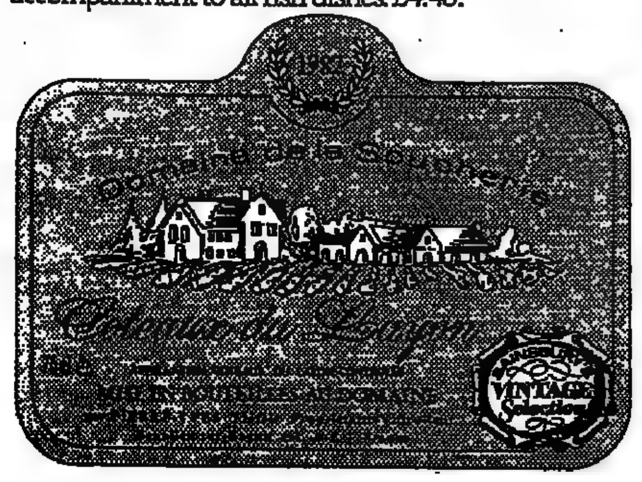
1. Château de la Dimerie Muscadet De Sèvre et Maine Sur Lie 1983. This Muscadet is named after two of the Loire's great tributaries and with the added fruit and body resulting from remaining on the lees ("sur lie") is the ideal accompaniment to all fish – especially shellfish. A light, dry and refreshing white wine £2.55.

2. Moulin Touchais 1964 Anjou. The valley of the Loire shelters the Chenin Blanc vines from which are made some exceptional white wines. In the limestone "caves" at Doué la Fontaine lies a huge selection of some of France's best kept wine secrets. Moulin Touchais is one. The perfect dessert wine with plenty of fruit and a balanced sweetness best revealed when chilled. £5.95.

3. Château des Bidaudières 1983 Vouvray. The Chenin Blanc grape produces, along the Loire, wines which vary from dry to very sweet according to conditions. Nowhere is this contrast more marked than in Vouvray, on the north bank to the east of Tours. This wine lies mid-way in the sweetness range and so is an ideal companion for lighter desserts or fruit. At its best lightly chilled when it also serves excellently as an aperitif. £3.25.

4. Domaine de la Bizolière 1983 Savennières. Savennières lies just downstream of the town of Angers in the Anjou-Saumur region of the Loire Valley. Here the Chenin Blanc produces long-lived, firm-bodied, dry white wines of which this is a fine example from a single domaine. Serve lightly chilled with white meat or fish dishes. £3.60.

5. Sancerre Les Perriers 1982 or 1983. The two wine producing districts of Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé lie on the Loire to the south-east of Orleans, where the Sauvignon Blanc and the limestone soil combine to produce white wines which are dry, flinty and often slightly smoky. Sancerre, a charming village on the west bank of the river, gives its name to this splendid accompaniment to all fish dishes. £4.45.



6. Domaine de la Soucherie 1982 Côteaux du Layon. In the vineyards of this single domaine in the Côteaux du Layon, the unique micro-climate of this sheltered region to the south of the River Loire allows the grapes of the Chenin Blanc to ripen to full sweetness. The result is a rich dessert wine, which, whilst sweet, has a fine balancing acidity on the finish. £2.79.

7. Château Tertre du Moulin 1982 or 1983 Entre-Deux-Mers. Between the "two seas" of the Dordogne and Garonne lies a vast area of wine production. The white wines of this area are allowed the appellation "Entre-Deux-Mers." This is a crisp, fruity, dry white wine from a grower with an established reputation for consistent quality. Serve lightly chilled on its own or with fish dishes. £2.55.



8. Chablis Premier Cru 1983 Fourchaume or Montmain. To the north-west of Dijon in Burgundy, lies Chablis, where the Chardonnay vines thrive in the calcareous soil known as "Kimmeridge clay". The resulting wine is distinctively green-gold in colour and dry and crisp on the palate; it rewards chilling and is equally at home with fish or white meat. £4.45.

9. Château Ferrande 1982 or 1983 Graves. The Graves district produces some fine dry white wines in addition to its more famous reds. This white wine inherits its fine balance from the blending of Sauvignon and Semillon grapes. It's a crisp dry medium-bodied white wine at its best when served lightly chilled with poultry or fish. £3.65.

10. Clos St. Georges 1981 or 1983 Graves Supérieures. Long before Graves was known for the red wines with which it is now most associated, it had a high reputation for sweet white wines. Clos St. Georges is found on the borders of Barsac. It has depth, style and length, which comes through impressively on the palate. £2.80.

11. Meursault Moillard 1981 or 1982. Meursault lies in the heart of the Côtes de Beaune, which produces some of the world's finest dry white wines, thanks to the glory of the Chardonnay grape and ideal limestone soil. Smooth, mellow, full and rounded the Meursaults nevertheless possess a fine, long dry finish which complements the subtleties of classic white meat and fish dishes. £675.

12. Domaine Mondange 1983 St. Véran. Undoubtedly Pouilly Fuissé is the most famous of the white Mâconnais wines of southern Burgundy. However the wines of its lesser known neighbouring appellation St. Véran are an excellent alternative. Coming from a single domaine, this wine, like its more famous counterpart, is made from the classic Chardonnay grape and is a full white wine with an appealing dry finish. When lightly chilled it will enhance poultry or fish dishes. £3.45.

13. Muscat de Beaumes de Venise 1982. This sweet white wine takes its name from one of the "villages" of the Côtes du Rhône. Unlike the reds of the area it is produced according to a different tradition. The Muscat grapes are partially fermented and then fortified with grape spirit. The result is a highly individual wine with a delicate perfume and flavour. A dessert wine of great distinction, serve chilled. £4.65.

14. Domaine du Colombier 1982 or 1983 Chinon. Though less well-known than the whites there are some fine fresh light reds from the gravel soils of the Loire. This one has a distinct fruitiness and pleasant acidity. It is best enjoyed young and will happily accept a degree of chilling. £3.55.

15. Château Mirefleurs 1982 Bordeaux Supérieur. This château with its 125 acres of vineyards is situated in the commune of Yvrac in the Bordeaux region. A medium-bodied, dry red wine, it can be served with casseroles and cheeses of all kinds. £5.45 Magnum.

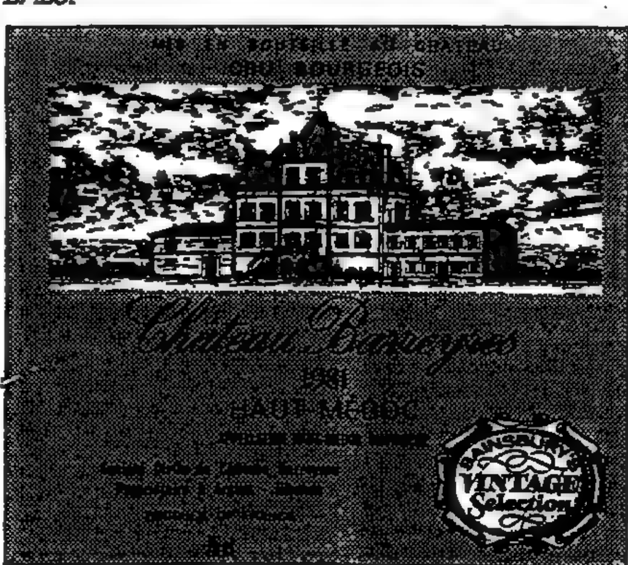
16. Château du Bousquet 1982 Côtes de Bourg. Whilst being planted with the same blend of grapes as the Médoc (Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot) the vineyards of the Côtes de Bourg which lie on the opposite bank of the Gironde, are less well-known. This château lies amongst the best of the vineyards on the slopes near the river and produces a medium-bodied wine with good fruit and balance, which goes happily with most meats and cheeses. £2.99.

17. Château Mayne-Lalande 1981 Listrac. This excellent claret comes from Listrac, one of the lesser-known communes, situated to the north-west of Margaux in Bordeaux. The traditional Médoc blend of grapes produces a medium-bodied, dry red wine which has benefitted from its time in cask prior to bottling. It is ideal with red meats and cheeses. £2.95.

18. Château Tourteau Chollet 1980 or 1982 Graves. The region of Graves lies to the south of the town of Bordeaux and produces large quantities of excellent wine – both red and white. This red wine, produced from the Bordeaux blend of grapes is of medium weight with a dry tannic finish. Like all good clarets it is aged in oak before bottling. £3.39.

19. Château Tour des Combes 1979 St. Emilion. A number of St. Emilion properties were entitled to call their wines "Grand Cru" in the classification of 1955. This is one of them, producing a wine in which the predominance of the Merlot grape bestows its customary softness. It is a medium-bodied, dry red wine ready for drinking with red meats or cheese. £4.75.

20. Château Grand Puy Ducasse 1979 Pauillac. Officially a "Fifth Growth" in the 1855 classification, this is a classic claret from one of the most important communes in the Bordeaux region. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes thrive in the clay and gravel soil of Pauillac and produce a wine with a wonderful balance of fruit and tannin which softens with the years. To be savoured with red meats or cheeses. £7.25.



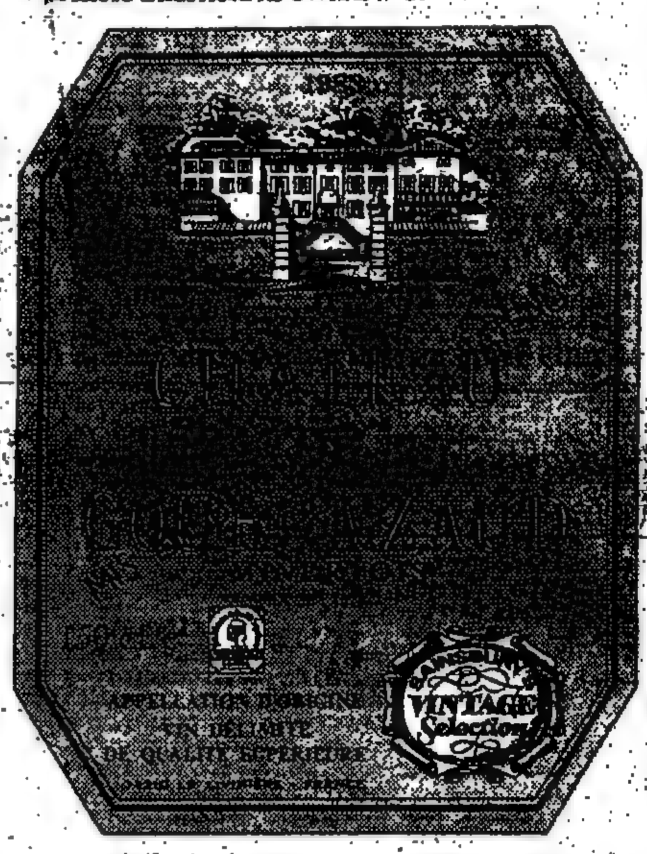
21. Château Barreyres 1981 Haut-Médoc. The Médoc, on the west bank of the River Gironde is the most important red wine district of Bordeaux. Here, from just north of Margaux, in the heart of the region is an excellent claret of medium weight which is stylish and fruity. Serve with red meat or cheeses. £3.35.

22. St. Amour 1983. St. Amour is the most northern of the villages which have been designated "Grand Cru" in the Beaujolais region and produces wines which are typical of the area: fruity, distinctive and fresh. It may be served with almost anything from salads to saucisson. £3.45.

23. Château de Poncié 1982 or 1983 Fleurie. Among the nine "Crus" villages which represent the best of the Beaujolais wines, Fleurie holds an honourable place. It is produced on the granite hills in the centre of the Beaujolais region, where the Gamay grape thrives. This individual property of 60 acres, produces a light, fruity wine of character – a natural partner to milder cheeses, cold meats or poultry. £4.15.

24. Château La Borie 1982 or 1983 Côtes du Rhône. This is the product of a vineyard which was totally replanted 20 years ago and has grown in reputation as a result. The presence of Syrah and Grenache in the blend gives the slight peppery sensation on the palate which is so characteristic of a Rhône wine. £2.79.

25. Domaine André Brunel 1981 Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Châteauneuf is the home of the finest vineyards of the southern Rhône valley, where the climate ensures enough sun to produce robust, full-bodied wines of considerable character. These wines are made from a blend in which Grenache, Mourvedre and Syrah predominate giving them their deep purple colour and heady perfume. Serve with a steak or a Stilton – it will more than hold its own. £4.75.



26. Château de Gourgazaud 1982 or 1983 Minervois. This property lies in the hilly Languedoc-Roussillon region of Southern France. The wine is distinctive and medium-bodied – robust enough for most meats and cheeses. £4.60 Magnum.

27. Kiedricher Heiligenstock Riesling Kabinett 1983 Rheingau – Dr. Weil. From the pride of Germany's wineland come some splendid and highly flavoured white wines and this is no exception. Elegant and well-balanced it is a distinguished accompaniment to most white meat and fish. £3.99.

28. Ockfener Geisberg Riesling Spätlese 1982 Saar – Gebert. Late-picked grapes on the warmer, south-facing slopes of the Geisberg vineyard in the Saar Valley produce a wine which whilst medium dry, has a truly remarkable depth and concentration of fruit. It should be lightly chilled before serving with salads or fish. £3.75.

29. Lugana San Benedetto 1983 Zenato. In the Lombardy countryside to the south of Lake Garda the Trebbiano di Lugana grapes produce a wine which is very little known in this country but justly fêted in its own. This is an elegant, crisp dry white wine from one of the region's leading winemakers. It should be served chilled with fish and white meat dishes. £3.45.

30. Villa Antinori 1979 Chianti Classico Riserva. This Chianti Classico comes from the highly respected Antinori family who have been making wine in Tuscany since the late 14th Century. The wine is matured in new oak casks for up to two years before being aged further in bottle. A complex and elegant red wine it is ideal with red meats, game or cheese. £3.65.

31. Viña Ardanza Rioja 1976. The red wines of the Rioja region in Northern Spain are known throughout the world for their distinctive bouquet and flavour. This fine example is made from a blend of Tempranillo and Garnacha grapes and its elegant smoothness has been enhanced by four years' maturation in oak casks. It is a full-bodied red wine which is ideal with all red meats and cheeses. £3.75.

32. Quinta da Bacalhôa 1982. This splendid Portuguese red wine of excellent quality deserves greater recognition. Made from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes, it is a dry, medium-bodied wine with great finesse and style. It should be served at room temperature with most meats and cheeses. £3.45.

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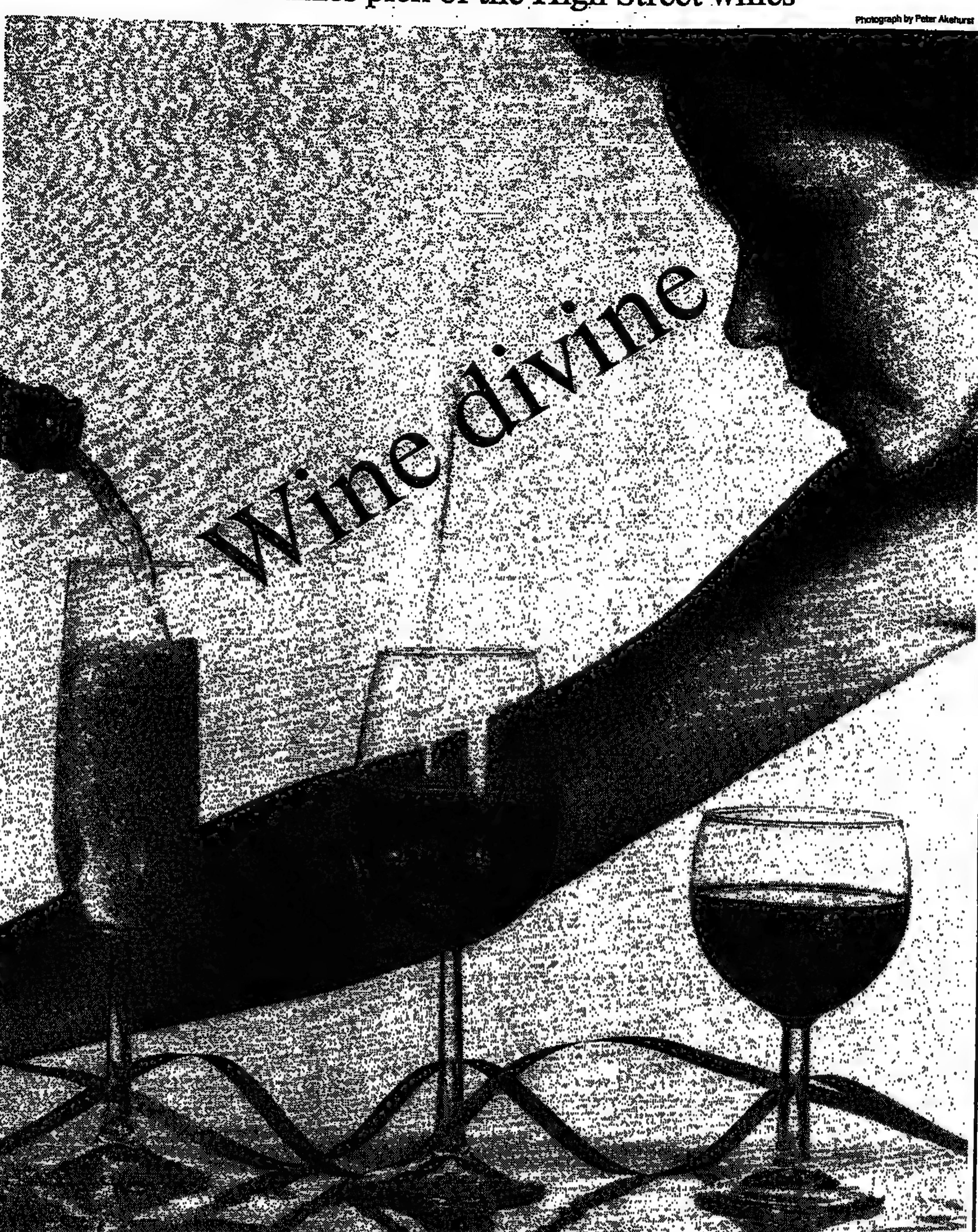
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Jane MacQuitty savours the varied pleasures and pitfalls of her favourite drink

I cannot remember the first glass of wine I drank. I do know it was at my parents' table, and that it was a good wine from a well-stocked cellar (20 years ago, buying *premier grand cru* claret and even *grand cru* burgundy was not the outrageously expensive pursuit it is now). I do remember, though, that I was very young at the time. It was probably wine cut with water; because my parents shared the enlightened continental view that their children were unlikely to get into trouble on such a harmless drink.

Of course, the inevitable happened: my brother got drunk, aged three, on Coronation Day from sneaking too many sips of champagne from guests' glasses. But I feel my mother was right to leave the house rule of wine with water for the children unchanged.

Since then it has been down hill all the way. Approaching my tenth anniversary as a wine writer I still find the subject absorbing. It contains a little of everything: viticulture and viniculture alone include biology, geography, history and chemistry. Travel is on the wine curriculum, too, as are languages – although I manage to scrape by with not much more than schoolgirl French. But perhaps the greatest challenge is that, no matter how many countries I visit, winemakers I meet and wines I taste, I cannot hope to know it all: there is always another vintage, another wine producing region.

Wine has also introduced me to people, places and hospitality that I would never experience in any other job. One recent, memorable occasion was the invitation from Jean Hugel of Alsace to Peter Ziegler's fortieth birthday party last summer in Baden.

Twenty of us sat down to a five-hour gastronomic marathon of seven different courses accompanied by 36 wines. Of those, no less than 20 were magnificent, 1953 clarets, including Lafite, Pétrus, Haut Brion and Cheval Blanc. To kick off with there were magnums of Krug '53, and to finish, a bottle of the legendary 1921 d'Yquem. Thankfully, wine appreciation is not all sniffing, slurping *and* spitting...

But wine has its nerve-racking moments, too. Imagine finishing a long, hard day of tasting purple, tannic *en primeur* wines in Bordeaux to find that your host then expects you to pinpoint the entire range of wines he has selected for dinner with 100 per cent accuracy. At times like this, I try to remember the example of that lively octogenarian, Harry Waugh, who recently celebrated his first half century in wine. Asked if he had ever mistaken Bordeaux for Burgundy, he replied: "Not since lunchtime".

It is an encouraging thought that there are lots of other wine fanatics out there. Winston Churchill, for instance, was so besotted with Pol Roger champagne that he named his racehorse after it and on a visit to Madeira in 1950, when served a rare 1792 solera wine, commented: "Do you realize that when this wine was made, Marie Antoinette was alive?". André Simon recognized that you cannot take it with you and vowed that when he died there should be only one bottle left in his cellar. As he lived until his ninety-third year and was a renowned gastronome, it seems highly likely that he fulfilled his pledge.

Wine's great joys are its hundreds of nuances of flavour and style, influenced by endless permutations of different grape varieties, vintages, wine regions and wine-makers. Without this range of tastes, wine would be nothing, its history, anecdotes, romance, and mystery all meaningless. Unconvinced? Concentrate on grape varieties alone and you still have a multitude of different flavours: the lively, gooseberry-green taste of the Sauvingnon Blanc grape, the musky-dusky perfume of the purple-black Syrah, the spicy lychee-like charms of the Gewürztraminer grape, the rich buttery character of a mature Chardonnay, the Riesling's racy flavour, the plummy fragrance of a good Pinot Noir, the grassy, blackcurranty character of a young Cabernet Sauvignon... I could go on; there are another 40 major varieties to go at least.

Christmas is a wonderful excuse to celebrate wine and you could hardly better *The Times* Top Christmas Wines recommended below.

Good taste at good prices

Christmas is coming and with it a deluge of decisions for the consumer. In order to help you answer the question "What are we going to give everyone to drink?", *The Times* held a wine tasting last week. The result is a festive wine list to suit every budget.

As the five leading supermarkets – ASDA, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, Tesco, and Waitrose – now account for almost a third of the table wine sold in this country we decided to concentrate on their wines.

In order to discover whether those pricey supermarket "connoisseurs choices" and "vintage selections" were worth the extra money we asked each supermarket to submit two wines in the three different categories – Christmas whites, reds and pudding wines – without any price limitations. As it happened all five presented both an expensive and inexpensive wine in each category. Consequently this means there is something for everyone: good but inexpensive wines for the connoisseur who resents pouring money down the unappreciative throats of Christmas guests and some finer and more expensive wines for the budget conscious drinker who wants to splash out at Christmas.

The supermarkets were also told that their selections were to accompany the traditional Christmas meal, be it lunch or dinner, of a light starter such as turtle soup or fish mousse (with the option that the Christmas white could also serve as an aperitif), the festive bird with all its sauces and stuffings, and, finally, either Christmas pudding or an exotic fruit salad.

The Times team of John Higgins (JH), Arts Editor, Robin Young (RY) and Jane MacQuitty (JMQ), wine correspondent, was joined by Rosemary George (RG) Master of Wine and author, and James Rogers (JR), the expert taster from Cullens. As usual, all the wines were tasted blind.

Wines that the panel found a good buy at under £5 a bottle are marked ★.

Christmas whites

1 Charles Dennery Brut, ASDA £5.95

Admittedly this was the first wine but everyone enthused about it, and except for JR gave it their top mark. Monsieur Dennery comes from the small Champagne house of Charbaut and the panel's comments ranged from "really flavoury warm toasty champagne with a good mousse" (JMQ) to RG's "good aperitif and first-course wine. Can you beat fizz for Christmas?"

2 1980 Meursault-Charmes, Chevaliers du Tastevin, Waitrose £9.85

"Rich, ripe outstanding" (RY), "big, green vegetal taste" (JMQ), "good oaky Côte d'Or" (RG). Not an aperitif wine though and it needs food to show at its best.

3 ★ 1982 Gewürztraminer, Waitrose own-label £2.75

"Lovely floral bouquet with rich spicy lychee-like Gewürztraminer taste" (JMQ). JH also enjoyed its "flowery Alsace" taste as did RY.

4 1983 Lugana San Benedetto, F. Lli Zenato, Sainsbury's £3.45

A spicy Gewürztraminer may not suit everyone so serve this "lively green mouthwatering wine" (JMQ) instead. Made from the Trebbiano grape everyone enjoyed its "crisp, clean" (RG), "apple freshness" (JR) that goes especially well with any fish course.

5 1982 Chablis, Remy La Fort, Marks & Spencer £3.75

Made by the Chablisienne cooperative and while JMQ liked their '81 vintage she found this "pleasant green" wine "slightly thin". However, RY liked its "classy nose" and "attractive flavour" as did chablis enthusiast RG who recognized it.

6 Valdadige Bianco, Cantina Viticoltori, Tranto, Tesco £1.79

Watching your budget? This "refreshing apple-green gulping wine" (JMQ) is for you. The panel thought it a "well made fruity wine" (RG) albeit a shade unexciting.

Not recommended
7. 1983 Sancerre Domaine Saget, Guy Saget, ASDA £3.89
8. 1983 Pouilly Fumé Les Griottes, Bailly Père et Fils, Tesco £3.79
9. 1983 St Michael Bereich Nierstein, Marks & Spencer £2.25
10. 1982 Meursault, Molliard, Sainsbury's £6.75.

Christmas reds

1 1979 Beaune, Domaine du Château de Meursault, Waitrose £8.75

Along with the Dennery champagne this "oaky elegant Pinot Noir" (RG) was the star of the tasting. JMQ loved its "classic rich spicy Pinot Noir taste" and JR recognized both wine and producer: "mature classy stuff".

2 ★ 1981 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Couversets, J. R. Quiot, Marks & Spencer £4.75

"Good gutsy fruity peppery flavour... would go with all the trimmings and the bird" (RG); both RY and JMQ agreed. JR also liked its "ripe peppery Rhôneish fruit". Excellent value for money.

3 ★ 1981 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine André Brunel, Sainsbury's £4.75

"Classy distinguished stuff but slightly tannic and austere" (RY). JH agreed: "I'd be very happy with this for Christmas dinner and even happier next year".

3 1982 Hermitage, Cecile Mussel, Tesco £6.19

"Another great classic Rhône", "another classy, nicely balanced wine" (JR and RY). RG and JMQ were less keen.

5 1980 Château Cantemerle, Marks & Spencer £6.50

RY felt this fifth-growth claret from a light year "would stand up to most festive birds" but JR thought this "quite classy claret" was "stalky" as did RG "bit too tough and young".

6 1981 Château Barreyres, Sainsbury's £3.35

"Rather austere earthy nose and palate" RG commented on this *cru bourgeois* which JR felt "needs more time".

7 1982 Château de Bastet, Côtes du Rhône, C. Aubert, ASDA £2.49

JMQ felt this "soft spicy-fruity wine" might be "overpowered by the sauces and stuffings", JH and RY felt it lacked "character" and "pzazz".

Not recommended
8. 1981 Crozes-Hermitage, Caves des Clairmonts, Waitrose £2.95
9. 1982 Fleurie La Treille, Louis Abiet, ASDA £3.89
10. Casteller, Cantini Viticoltori Trento, Tesco £1.79

Pudding wines

1 ★1983 Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, Cave des Vignerons, Sainsbury's £4.65

Everyone recognized this "apricot-gold fresh clean grapey Muscat" (JMQ). RG felt it could "counteract Christmas pud" while JR and JH thought it would also be good with the "nuts and raisins". A useful and inexpensive festive standby and with its screw-top bottle it can be kept in the fridge and poured at will.

2 ★1981 Château Bastor-Lamontagne, Waitrose £4.75

A star-buy Sauternes. With its "intense clean pineappley fruit" (JMQ) and rich golden colour it would look good on any festive table. Perhaps better with a Christmas fruit salad than with the plum pudding.

3 1979 Château de Rayne Vigneau, Tesco £6.59

A classed growth Sauternes whose "deep rich flavour" (JR), "botrytis honey" (RG) and "caramelized ripe peachy taste" (JMQ) would perhaps, as RG suggested, be better "on its own and not with pud".

4 1978 Albiger Schloss Hammerstein Beerenauslese, Köster-Wolf, ASDA £7.99

This rich sweet and pricey German mouthful made from the pungent Siegerrebe and Ortega grapes reminded both JR and JMQ of asparagus. RY was much more enthusiastic as was JH: "Happy at last..."

5 1977 Château Bellevue Monbazillac, Lajonie-Courcelle, Waitrose £3.45

"Getting classier and stickier" (JR) this "zingy fruity wine" (JMQ) had a whiff of sulphur about it too.

6= 1983 Clos Saint-Georges, Gallaire, Sainsbury's £2.80

As always JMQ enjoyed the "strong intense almost lychee fruit" of this Graves Supérieures but everyone else merely found it a "pleasant straightforward sweetie" (RY).

6= 1976 Côteaux du Layon, Union Agricole du Pays de Loire, Tesco £2.99

A cheap Loire wine and it showed. JR noted "sweet Chenin Blanc but finishes short" and RY felt it was "not mellow enough for Christmas pud".

Not recommended
8. St Michael Asti Spumante, IVI Canelli, Marks & Spencer £3.59
9. 1983 Nussdorfer Bischofskreuz Auslese Ortega, St Augustus, ASDA £2.79
10. St Michael Sparkling Hock, Feist-Belmontsche Sekt, Marks & Spencer £2.25

Conclusions

Not a bad collection of wines with no real disappointments or nasties present. There was a sufficiently wide range of styles and enough great wines and inexpensive "star buys" to suit everyone's palate and purse.

The reds were disappointing though, especially considering that for most families the turkey and accompanying red wine will be the highpoint of the meal. RY and JMQ were also disappointed that there were not more exceptional wines present; wines in the same league as, say, the Charles Dennery champagne or the 1979 Beaune.

At this tasting Waitrose scooped the others with an impressive number of firsts, seconds, thirds and star buys. Sainsbury's came second, Marks & Spencer third, and ASDA and Tesco fourth and fifth respectively. Merry Christmas.

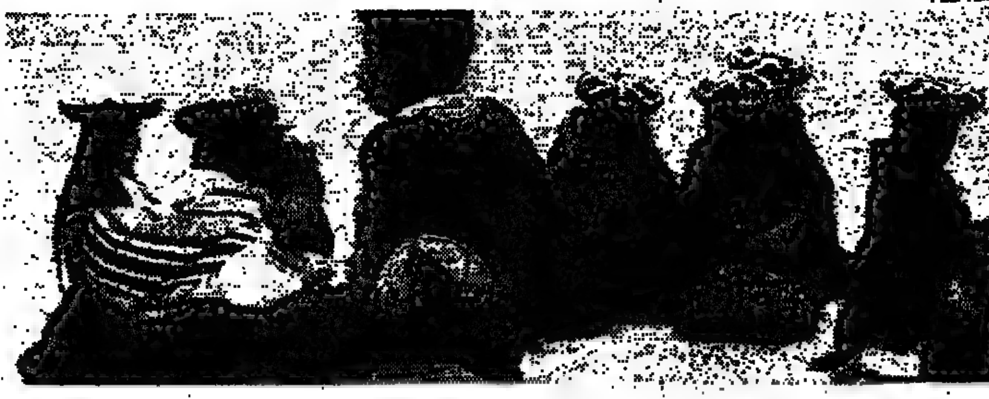
Ronald Faux treks across the high Andes and around the mean streets of Lima

Inca paths through condor country

"This view is totally breathtaking", my companion said, "which is probably why I can't breathe". He was a man of a pioneering spirit which his legs and lungs were attempting to keep up with. The air was thin up there as it whistled through the lofty gap of the Punta Union De Santa Cruz, a missing tooth in the jawbone of the Andes. The altitude at 15,440ft was higher than most peaks in the European Alps but we had taken our time to reach this high point of our trek.

There were a dozen or so in the group. One or two covetous looks had been cast at the horse carrying the tents, cooking pots and a coop of diminishing chickens. If everyone weakened the animal would resemble the arrival at Widecombe of Jan Pearce's old mare. But even the horse seemed to be impressed as it rested its lean haunches at the top of the pass. The clouds cleared to give a fine view down the Quebrada Santa Cruz, a green gash between the high mountains of the Cordilleras Blanca lit by brilliant shafts of sunlight.

We were an unusual mix for an expedition. Teachers, ship's engineer, nurse, oilman, jumbo jet captain, civil servant, mathematics professor and our own indomitable leader. For several days we had threaded our way across the Andes along valleys bright with lupins and alpine plants, seeing hardly a soul and nursing our blisters in peace. There can be few more therapeutic ways of passing time than trekking along ancient paths in remote mountain regions. The pace is slow and energy-conserving and never seems to get anywhere until you realize that all the mountains have moved and are showing a different face.


Paul Yule

Rest and relaxation: Women and children after the market has closed in Chincheros

The Punta Union trek is one of the most spectacular in the Andes because it is set among a dozen or more 19,500ft giants with summits sharpened by the winds to form a majestic backdrop throughout the trail. A bus ride that became a trial of strength between the springs and the rutted road took us to our first camp beside the Llanganuco lakes beneath the twin bastions of Huascaran (21,996ft) and Huandoy (20,358ft). On that first evening both summits blazed red with the last of the sunlight above the black cleft of the valley.

The first day was spent acclimatizing to the altitude since there is little enjoyment to be had from high level trekking for anyone suffering a thumping headache or nausea, the classic early signs of altitude sickness. Then we climbed the winding trail up the Portachuelo pass, said to be the watershed from which the first drops of the Amazon spring. The pass would have been rather more impressive if the Peruvians had not driven a switch-backed vehicle road across it. Our old walking track occasionally vied with this interloper following its flat, raw surface before plunging off into the undergrowth again.

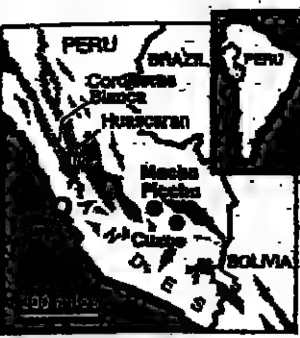
The daily pattern began with tea served at the tent door by Conchita, a charming young Peruvian in voluminous poncho topped by a trilby hat. Breakfast was served in the communal mess tent: ample quantities of carbohydrates to fuel the day's walking.

The dismantled camp with the burros, porters and horse usually ended the day ahead of the trekkers who were left to admire the scenery. Our jumbo jet captain, scanning the skies, suddenly announced: "That's it, we can all go home now". He had spotted the first condor cruising above the valley upon its motionless, multi-fingered wings.

Peru is a country of raw contrasts. The mountains and their small valley communities form one world, Lima is quite another. The skies are permanently grey and rainless. There is an air of civil unease and the chaotic spread of shanty towns on the outskirts of the city add to the severe problems of unemployment. Theft is rife and tourists are the main target.

There was an ingenious attempt to separate our jumbo captain from his Rolex Oyster watch. One man had stood next to him in the street smiling innocently, hands in full view. Suddenly his poncho developed a third hand, that of the accomplice thief who grabbed for the watch and gave the strap an expert twist. Normally it would have broken and the thief would have escaped but they had not reckoned on the reflexes of a man who pilots 747s. His arm yielded and went into the pocho in pursuit of the thief. With his other hand he thumped the accomplice. One thief fled, the other nursed a sore ear and the captain kept his watch. Others were less fortunate but with vigilance and simple precautions (a money belt is one of the best foils) Lima is probably no worse than other third world cities that lie en route to trekking areas.

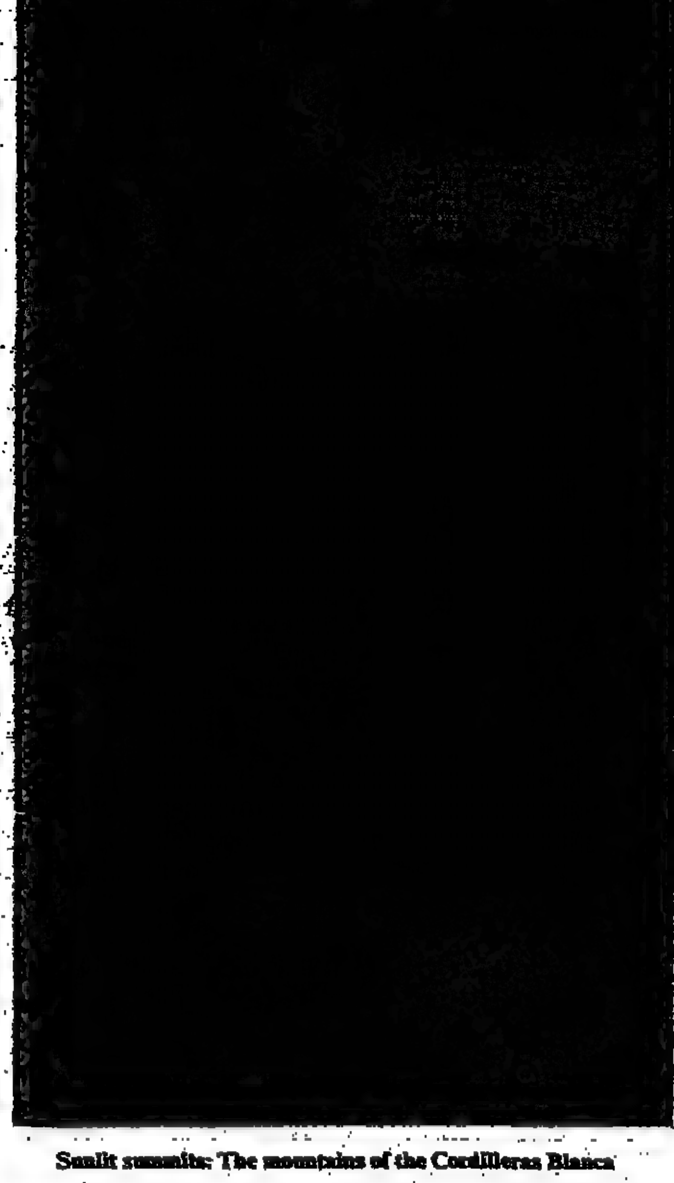
The Sherpa tour was not all hard walking but also allowed a comprehensive look at the fascinating Inca history of Peru. It was an hour's flight from Lima to Cuzco, once the capital of the great Inca empire and now overlaid with the grossly baroque architecture of the Spanish conquistadors. Their cathedrals are in poor contrast to the spare, balanced lines of the Inca buildings that remain. There are several within easy reach of Cuzco and four hours away by train from the town are the ruins of Machu Picchu. Built as a natural fortress in about the 14th century, the white granite ruins straddle a high ridge. There are temples once used by sun worshippers, sacrificial altars and sections of the citadel where once the intellectual leaders of the Incas lived. They form the intact remains of an impressive and self-contained community.



In all, the vacation is divided two-thirds on trek and one-third on sight-seeing. Sherpa insist that there are no age barriers on their tours and the main criterion is reasonable fitness. Occasionally we split into two groups, one taking a harder high route, the others a less strenuous path. We were well-led, well-fed and the company was excellent.



The "Highland Peru" trek organized by Sherpa Expeditions lasts 27 days and costs £1,648 inclusive of the flight to Cuzco. Insurance is an extra £33 and a trek pack with essential specialist clothing costs £30 to hire. Three other outdoor holidays in Peru are offered from £1,180 for 20 days: Sherpa Expeditions, 131a Heston Road, Hounslow (tel: 577 2717); Lufthansa German Airlines are at 10 Old Bond Street, London W1 (tel: 408 0322).



Sunlit summits: The mountains of the Cordilleras Blanca

Flexible flight plans for charter passengers



Few travellers realize charter flights are available in two categories. First there are the very low-cost flights aimed at sunseeking holidaymakers on package tours – flights that tend to leave at unearthly hours and which have given their passengers bad memories of delayed departures in cramped and crowded aircraft. And secondly, there is a more upmarket series of "quasi-scheduled" charter flights. These cost more and only serve selected destinations, but they operate at convenient times week in, week out, throughout the year.

One of the problems currently facing the charter flight business is that of price. Following the price cutting by the major scheduled airlines there is at times – especially out of season – little difference between the price of a charter or a scheduled flight. But the charter flights have greater flexibility. For example, you do not have to book two or three weeks ahead to get a budget fare. Most of the time you can book your flight – subject to space – up to departure time.

For some countries, particularly Italy, Switzerland and Germany, you can travel on an "open jaw" basis – flying out to one destination and back from another. This is an ideal method to use for touring holidays where you rent a car.

In many cases, you need not spend a Saturday night at your destination – ideal if you are the sort of person who likes a short break during the working week.

Here is a round-up of the main flight programmes. Prices shown include airport taxes.

Switzerland

London's Falcon Travel continues to offer the widest choice of flights a week from Gatwick to Geneva and Zurich. Return fares to both destinations are £80 until December 14, rising to £100 for the Christmas period lasting until December 31.

If you plan to rent a car, savings can be made with Falcon's Swiss car hire deal – a small Fiat Panda costs £15 a day with unlimited mileage. Weekend rates range from £35.50 to £54 depending on whether you rent from Friday to Sunday or Thursday to Monday.

Cheaper still is Swiss Airtours. Until December 14 the agency charges £72 return rising to £88 from December 15 through to January 6. There are five flights a week to both Geneva and Zurich and if you plan to travel between Friday and Sunday the fare costs an extra £3 each way.

For £109, City by City Tours markets a regular series of Zurich-bound charters with Balair. More expensive than the other companies, but on the other hand Balair enjoys the reputation of being the "Swissair" of the charter business.

Germany

German Tourist Facilities (GTF) operates a year-round series of flights to Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover and Stuttgart. Departures are on Friday and Monday. Additionally, there are four flights a week to Berlin and five to Munich.



Tram time: Outside the Patisserie Sprüngli in Zurich

This winter to compete with the cheaper excursion fares now offered by British Airways and Lufthansa, GTF has brought in even lower "Super Jetfares" which must be bought 14 days ahead.

Examples of return GTF fares from Gatwick (with the Super Jetfare in brackets) are: Düsseldorf, £69 (£49); Frankfurt £83 (£69); Hamburg £89 (£69); Hanover £89 (£69); Stuttgart £89 (£69); Berlin £99 (£88); Munich £99 (£77).

Pegasus also offer flights to Munich. Two flights are operated every week and the return fare ranges from £99 to £129 depending on travel dates.

Austria

Charter flights to Vienna operated by Austrian Air Transport and British Airtours are marketed by three different companies. City by City charges £134 for flights on Monday and Friday with Austrian Air Transport, while GTF's price is slightly cheaper at £132. For flights on Thursday and Sunday both GTF and Pegasus charge between £114 and £144.

Spain

Pegasus markets twice weekly flights from Gatwick to Madrid using British Island Airways and the Spanish airline Aviaco. Prices range from £109 to £139. Iberian Service offers similar flights to Madrid but at cheaper fares of between £86 and £104. The same company flies to Barcelona for the same price.

Italy

Major destinations are covered by Pegasus's long standing "Skybus" flights programme. There are normally two flights a week to many Italian cities from Gatwick/Luton. Flights are with Altair or Aermediterranea, an Alitalia subsidiary.

Some return fares are: Bologna, Genoa, Milan (Linate), Pisa, Turin, Venice and Verona from £104 to £134; Milan (Malpensa) £99 to £129; Naples and Rome £109 to £139.

This winter, the company is marketing two fixed-date excursion deals. There is the Rome Express costing £99 (fly out on Monday night, return two days later) while the Milan Express features flights out on Monday night and back the following Friday for £89.

For the first time Pegasus is offering special fly/drive rates with Avis. To any destination the cost for three days is £179 per person when two travel together and £233 for a single traveller. Other durations are available at extra cost. Rates include the flights and a small car.

Ski specials

"Snowjet" charters are operated by Falcon to Geneva, Zurich, Chambery, Munich and Toulouse. All flights (except those from Glasgow/Manchester to Geneva) depart from Gatwick. The programme starts on December 22. Fares in December – for a minimum stay away of seven days – to Geneva range from £100 to £140, Zurich and Chambery £100, Munich £105 and Toulouse £102. Fares fall in January before rising again during February/March. Snowjet also offers coach transfers to the main ski resorts from Geneva/Geneva/Zurich. Also from Chambery there are air transfers to Meribel and Courcheval at £35 return. Car hire starts at £83.

Alex McWhirter

Agents: Falcon 01-221 0088; Swiss Airtours 01-836 6751; GTF 01-229 2474; Pegasus 01-370 6851; City by City 01-379 7885; Iberian Service 01-278 8094.

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Shona Crawford Poole in Switzerland

TRAVEL 2

Cafés and cold comfort at Grindelwald

For a ride on "the longest chairlift in the world" skiers are offered a garment that looks much like an outsize strait-jacket. Overalled in biscuit canvas and sitting sidesaddle so to speak, they are transported aloft, cold left shoulder first.

I have ridden "the longest chairlift in the world" once only, on a biting grey day last January. The place was Grindelwald in Switzerland and it was our first day on skis that season. We had wrestled uncomprehendingly with the transport timetables and arrived cross and cold at the lift station on the outskirts of the village.

The lift rose through stations called Oberhaus, Bort and Egg. It was supposed to climb to First and from there we planned to take a few gentle warm-up runs to convince ourselves that our legs remembered how to ski. One always fears they won't.

Without warning the chair stopped at Egg. The weather was worsening and no lifts were going on up to First. That was all very well but the only way down was a black and presumably difficult run called, encouragingly, Bort Direkt. As the Irishman said, he would not advise starting from here.

We fought our way down it without incident, relearning the lesson that unguided skiing in strange areas in bad light is neither wise nor fun. It was a lousy introduction to Grindelwald.

January is low season of course, when it is likely the weather will be at its harshest. If you are lucky it means lots of fresh snow, no queues, cheaper prices and child-free slopes because the boy racers are back at school.

That week it rained. Water dripped from the eaves through the night when it should have been growing icicles. One morning the sun shone and every slope was dotted with skiers. It was never clear where they had all come from – from Wengen on the far side of the mountain maybe, because Grindelwald seemed more than half-empty.

The town was so quiet it felt shut. There was no one on the streets after dinner. The excellent half-board meals served at the Hotel Belvedere were eaten in whispers and followed by early nights. It was like a health farm with good food.

In better snow and light conditions the skiing available in the Jungfrau region resorts of Grindelwald, Wengen, and Mürren is extensive and interesting. Mountain railways, always cheerful and warm, break the back of most uphill journeys and there are inviting bars and cafés aplenty on and off the slopes.

The contrast between the genteel sobriety of Grindelwald and the glitz of St Moritz was startling. Culture-shock is putting it too strongly; perhaps culture-frisson is closer.

There is nothing villagey about St Moritz. It is a grey stone town on a hill and it has an unusually large number of jewellers. To see the people who go there to be seen, go there only in high season, Christmas, New Year and Easter.

There is no question of walking to the ski lifts in St Moritz unless you are staying well up the hill and are content to ski only one area. Taxi meters start with five Swiss francs on the clock and begin spinning as soon as the driver releases the handbrake, so it is just as well that bus services are super Swiss-efficient. The parking problem is acute.

Before teatime the morning's Cresta run results have been posted in the foyer of the Palace Hotel and guests returning from the slopes are relieved of their skis by the doorman. On a notice in the forecourt *ne pas claxonner* is translated as "no honking". Have those naughty Cresta boys been teasing the nice Swiss again or do all the Americans in town bring cars?

Quite a few of the Americans were billeted at Club Mediterranée's Hotel Roi Soleil where they, like us, were labelled GMs, which stands for *gentil membres*. The staff, who appeared more important than the guests, are GOs, which means *gentil organisateurs*.

Being *pas gentil* for most purposes, I found staying at Club Med like going to the hairdresser or being in hospital, a mixture of embarrassing and undignified. The food is a lot better of course. In fact it is mostly marvellous, but everyone is eased out of the dining room as soon as dinner is over because the GOs have to get dressed up to take part in the show. I have never been any good at being manipulated, especially with steely-eyed professional charm.

The Roi Soleil is the more modern of the two Club Med hotels in St Moritz and, a fairly new development for the organization, multi-lingual. In this the theory and the practice differed. It did not result in people with a common language being seated together at meals and as all tables are for eight and you sit where you are told, there was seldom an opportunity for pleasurable conversation.

What the multi-lingual idea seemed to mean was that the easy bits everyone could manage for themselves were translated by the GOs while jokes and serious discussion passed over most non-French heads. Nobody seemed to mind.

The club's no frills formula of informal staff, non-stop activity and entertainment, and genuinely inclusive prices (that is ski passes, tuition, transport, lunch, the lot) undoubtedly gives good value for money. It is not St Moritz, but there is no pleasing some people.

Picture: Peter Baker



Train scene: Wengen mountain railway traveller's view of the Lauterbrunnen Valley in the Bernese Oberland

Air fares: see this week's *Fare Deal* column (facing page). Further information on the resorts mentioned from the Swiss National Tourist Office, Swiss Centre, 1 New Coventry Street, London W1
The Hotel Belvedere, CH-3818 Grindelwald, Switzerland (036-53 18 18). A double room with half board costs from £38 per person per night in the coming winter season. A Grindelwald and Wengen ski pass costs £48 for six days. A Jungfrau region ski pass costs £57 for six days.
A one-week stay at Club Med's Hotel Roi Soleil in St Moritz with full board, ski pass, and ski school, but not including travel to the resort costs from £282. Club Mediterranée, 106-108 Brompton Road, London SW3 (581 4766).

Help for the handicapped

Tour operators are taking more care over their holidays for disabled people. Judy Kirby looks at what is on offer

Not everyone in a wheelchair wants the invigorating challenge of an activity holiday in the Cairngorms. But adventure travel for the disabled does seem to hog the limelight, leaving more passive souls wondering what is available at a slower pace.

It is reassuring to discover that the pleasures of vineyards, of French cuisine, chateau hopping and museum browsing (more comfortable, anyway, from a wheelchair) are increasingly feasible for disabled tourists.

Tour operators and travel agents are beginning to meet the needs of customers with a range of disabilities and temporary handicaps. Some companies, such as Horizon and Thomson, are already enlightened, but some high street travel agents need a final shove. The agents are key people when it comes down to making sure the holiday hotel or apartment is accessible to the chairbound, infirm or partially-sighted.

The Holiday Care Service, a non-commercial organization with a fund of experience in advising on travel for people with handicaps, has issued a useful booklet to travel agents, spelling out the hitches and how to avoid them.

Agents are advised to find out what the client is actually suffering from – broken legs and heart disease create different problems. Details of bookings must be double-checked by letter to avoid predicaments like those of a chairbound tourist finding his holiday apartment is a basement reached by a flight of stairs, when he thought he had booked ground floor accommodation.

Early guidebooks for the intrepid disabled traveller were general. Now they detail exactly what kind of provision, or lack of it, exists in interesting places worth visiting in specific areas.

The French and Danish tourist boards produce useful guides. "Few Danish theatres are suitable for wheelchairs", the Danish guide admits, but claims that staff are always willing to help.

One of the most useful guidebooks published this year is compiled by a French teacher in Leicestershire who works with disabled pupils. Mrs Nicola Blois gives a wealth of information on the Seine-Maritime and Calvados regions of France – how to find the disabled entrance to the Bayeux tapestry, where to get a wheelchair repaired, directions to lavatories and lifts, even warning where the cobbles are.

Membership of either of the two disabled motoring organizations entitles drivers to concessionary fares on most cross-channel ferries. Sealink gives the concession to non-members; the relevant form can be obtained from Sealink at Room 031, Eversholt House, 163-203 Eversholt Street, London NW1. The form must be signed by a local authority social services department to confirm the driver's disability.

There is sufficient information for disabled travellers to fill a small library. Individual help is available from the holidays department of the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation (Radar).

Radar's jet-setting assistant director, Bert Massie, has been rushing around in a wheelchair since the age of 16 when he says he "got lazy" and threw away his calipers. Massie flies frequently to America and Europe on business and this year went to Portugal with Horizon.

His room was on the first floor but he was able to use the hotel lifts. He had individual service at the airport for "not a penny more", he points out. Most tour firms do operate special schemes but do not publicize them. Horizon is an exception and produces a brochure.

Debbie McGhie, Radar's holiday officer, can help locate the right information for people, less confident and experienced than Mr Massie. "The average person who has had an accident or has multiple sclerosis needs a good, well organized first holiday to get them going.

Radar's own excellent holiday guide for 1985 comes out in January. It costs £2 including postage from Radar or from W.H. Smith. The guide covers a multitude of travel possibilities, including canal boats which have hydraulic lifts and special lavatories for handicapped guests.

If a helper is needed on a trip there is an organization which can supply money for the muscle-power, called the IYDP Holiday Fund. This service is so popular there is a six-month waiting list.

One organization which takes a particularly relaxed view about special facilities for the disabled is PHAB – Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied. PHAB goes in for holidays to places such as Hong Kong, Iceland, the United States and Greece, and its philosophy is to "desegregate" the disabled. Members travel in groups divided equally between disabled and able-bodied people. Medical staff go along too so the able-bodied aren't simply there as "lifters".

"We obviously try to see that there won't be too many stairs or hurdles in the places we go to, but generally speaking most obstacles are overcome. After all, you can't adapt the Acropolis, can you?", says Joan Wintle of PHAB.



Radar, 25 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8AB (637 5400).
Information for Disabled Visitors to Seine-Maritime, France, by Nicola Blois, from the Advisory Section, Education Dept, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3 8RF, price £1, cheques made payable to Leicestershire County Council.
IYDP Holiday Fund: Cottleston, 39 Cranbrook Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR4 8PQ.
PHAB: Tavistock House, North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HX (388 1963).
Disabled Drivers' Association, Ashwellthorp Hall, Ashwellthorp, Norwich, NR16 1EX (050 841 449)
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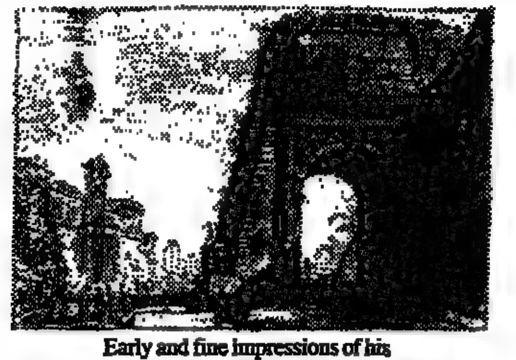


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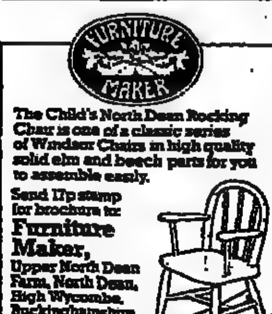
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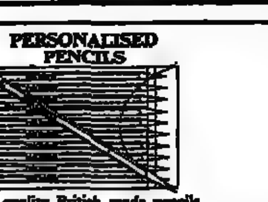
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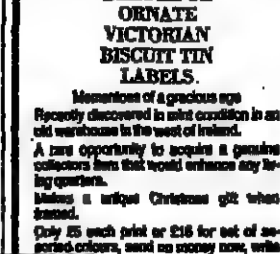
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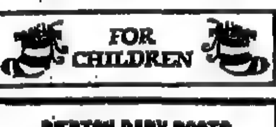
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VALUES

An alphabet of gracious giving

Beryl Downing with some off-beat ideas for tailor-made presents

Acquisitive artlovers
Would appreciate season's greetings in the form of a painting. Charlotte Campbell-Davys shows original contemporary works in the setting of her own house so that you can see how they would look at home. More than 250 paintings in oil, acrylics, charcoal, pastel, pen and watercolour – all modestly priced between £25 and £200 – can be seen at 37 Tufton Street, London SW1 (01-222 6929). Feline fanciers will like the "Cats Big and Small" exhibition of paintings, drawings and original prints at Graffiti, 30 James Street, London, W1 (01-486 7647). Included are comic cats by



Maggie Burley – shown is an etching, Cat with Green Eyes £18.40 – mezzotints of tigers by Clare Bruce, drawings by Ronald Searle, oils by specialist in cat paintings, Martin Leman. Prices up to £2,500. The exhibition is from December 5-24.

Blushing beauties
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Gallery gazers
Should set their sights on the exhibition of kelims collected by Alastair Hull on his journeys to Afghanistan and Central Asia. The rugs are 10 and 160 years old, priced from £25 to £750 and range from bathmat size to 30 square metres. The exhibition is at The Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square, Farnham, Surrey from December 3 to 9.

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Lapsed lovers
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Telephone tappers
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Unscrupulous usurers
Might go legit if someone helps them to save money instead of lending it. *The Allied Hambro Tax Guide* by Walter Sinclair (Longman, £10.95) covers the seven ages of tax planning from childhood to retirement and offers plenty of tax saving hints. From W. H. Smith or, with £1.25 p & p, from Longman Professional, 21/27 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1 (01-242 2548).

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Xmas xenophobes
Might overcome their fears by ordering a Christmas cake decorated like a Union Jack in red, white and blue holly, £7.95, from Duff & Trotter, who will make cakes to fit any strange fancy (01-627 2770). For less chauvinist tastes, they have an alternative to the Christmas hamper this year – a wok filled with the special ingredients you might need if you have been inspired by Ken Hom's television Chinese cookery. From Duff & Trotter's shops, 47 Bow Lane, London EC4; 141 Portland Road, W11; and 13-15 Leadenhall Market, EC3.

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Telegrams UK will do almost anything. Their most popular request is the SAS raid, which involves four men bursting into a room wearing balaclavas, carrying guns and smoke bombs.

The company to extend the business to its furthest limits is Pranksters, which has staged armed robberies, sent factory inspectors to close down buildings, and organized waiters that don't quite do what they should.

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Mary Wilson

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Many of the companies will send a "telegram" all over the country. Charges are from £18 upwards – average price £25.

EATING OUT

Escape routes for cooks tired of Christmas

For most of us, Christmas is a time for a family gathering in the home, but an increasing number of people, particularly those anticipating a long stint in the kitchen, may be looking for last-minute alternatives...

The notion of spending Christmas in a hotel or of dining out on Christmas Day itself has become extremely popular over the past few years. This may have something to do with cooks wishing to escape the



non-stop drudgery, or with sensitive souls wishing to escape the non-stop television.

Whatever the reason, most of London's top hotels now arrange a considerable package of meals and entertainments over the holiday period. Christmas lunch, tends to be booked up early, but there are still "fringe" offerings available.

The Ritz, for example, has a £35-a-head dinner on Christmas night, complete with piano music, and a Boxing Day dinner at £21.50 a head, with cabaret by Lon Sutton from *Starlight Express*. There's also a Boxing Day *thé dansant* between 4 and 6.30pm (£12.50) for those not going to Kempton Park.

Some less well-known hotels still have places available for Christmas lunch, however - the recently-opened Belgravia-Sheraton has an attractive-looking six-course extravaganza at £25 a head (£12.50 for children under 12). Duckling mousse with apple and watercress salad, asparagus cream soup with salmon dumplings, poached fillet of sole with a chive mousseline and brandy sabayon are some of the more imaginative touches complementing the familiar turkey and plum pudding courses.

The Belgravia's larger relative, the Sheraton Park Tower, has a more expensive (£35, or £18 for under-12s) and equally imaginative five courser – essence of pheasant wih fresh truffles, hot mousse of turbot and broccoli being just two of the stages.

The Mayfair Holiday Inn has vacancies for its £30-a-head four-course luncheon in the elegant Berkeley Room – clear turtle soup with cheese straws, pastry boats with crabmeat and asparagus tops, roast partridge with truffles and fish quenelles with lobster sauce are among the additions to turkey here.

For a more substantial break with traditional fare, the highly-regarded Keat's Restaurant in Hampstead has a spectacular-looking Christmas Eve dinner at £28 ahead. Courses include chicken quenelles with salsify, noisettes of venison and fricassée of lobster. Traditional balloons, hats and crackers *will* feature, however.

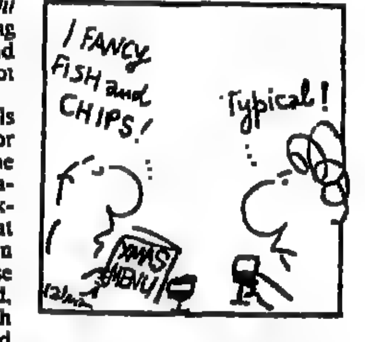
Outside London, the season will be just as lively, and I can't imagine anywhere more boisterous than the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool, which is offering a four-night, full-board package at £189 per adult (£107 for children aged 5-14, free for under fours). A family-orientated deal includes film shows, discos and teddy bear's tea-party for the children and water-sports (in the indoor pool, not the Irish Sea), music hall and cabaret for adults.

If the Christmas options have narrowed too much in England, the Scottish predilection for New Year celebrations means that there are more vacancies to be found north of the border. The North British Hotel is ideally placed in Edinburgh's Princes Street for touring the Scottish capital. A three-day stay, beginning on Christmas Eve, costs £135 and embraces traditional meals, dancing, carols and visits from McSanta.

For sea-breezes and the opportunity for a high-class round of golf, The Marine Hotel, overlooking the championship course at Troon, has a three day programme for £120, including a dinner-dance, carols, pantomime and a candlelit ball.

Finally, for those who suffer at the thought of the goodwill season, the enterprising Nelson Hotel in Norwich is offering a "Fed Up With Christmas" package. Three days (Dec 28-30 inclusive) of spartan living, saunas and mulled wine included, for just £33, bed and breakfast. Book in the name of Scrooge...

Stan Hey



The Ritz, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-493 8181); Belgravia-Sheraton, 20 Chesham Place, London SW1 (01-235 6050); Mayfair Holiday Inn, Berkeley Street, London W1 (01-493 8282); Keats, 3 Downshire Hill, London NW3 (01-435 3544); Norbreck Castle Hotel, Queens Promenade, Blackpool (0253 52341); Marine Hotel, Troon, Ayrshire (0292 31444); Nelson Hotel, Prince of Wales Road, Norwich (0603 28612).

FAMILY LIFE

Haunting world of the sea's hunted giants

If a quotation were needed to tempt young visitors into the exhibition which opens next Thursday at the Natural History Museum, I can think of none more appropriate than Matthew Arnold's flesh-tingling call to "Come, dear children, let us away; Down and away below . . . Where great whales come sailing by, Sail and sail with unshut eye, Round the world for ever and ever . . . ." Appropriate because the exhibition will leave visitors in no doubt that the future for many whales is far from certain. No grandiloquent calls to conserve and protect the mightiest of all marine mammals can be seen or heard, but the message is clear.

The Whale Hall at the museum was built in the 1930s and its major exhibits are the 93ft-long model of a great blue whale, constructed like a clinker-built ship and clad with plaster of Paris; and the actual skeletons of such a whale, the longest extending 82ft from skull to tail. The new, permanent exhibition has been greatly augmented, and promises to be one of the best in the museum.

The first thing you see as you enter the gallery is still the giant model of the blue whale (repainted) and the skeletons. Above and to the left, 19 models of different species of whale, from narwhal, killer and *beluga to humpback, right and* grey hang suspended in a shoal-like formation. Made of glass fibre, they have been cast and painted to look as realistic as possible.

Beneath the suspended models the various types of whale are described with explanations of their different shapes and colourations, whether for identification by other members of the school for example, or disguises while the whale hunts.

Working clockwise round the gallery, the first section you encounter describes the two groups of cetacean whales – baleen and toothed – and their feeding habits, each of which is nicely illustrated by comparing a trawling net (baleen) and a gin trap (toothed). Further specimens, models and a computer game expand the differences.

The next section shows how the whales that live in the oceans today have adapted to a a marine life from their original land-based habitat (you can see the residual limb-buds in a model of a cetacean foetus) and contains a reconstruction of a large fox-like creature, Mesonyx which according to experts is the whale's nearest ancestor, unlikely candidate though he looks.

Particularly fascinating are explanations of how whales and their relatives use sound and echo – for communication, directional purposes, and hunting quarry – using models, graphics and "hands on" exhibits, of which the simplest but most impressive is a device which shows why whales don't have ear flaps and how they – and we – can "hear" through their foreheads. Recordings of whale sounds, in all their diversity, provide an accompaniment.

Breathing and diving follow, with models that show how cetaceans are superbly adapted to their marine existence. Not surprisingly, experts still remain largely in the dark about how whales mate and breed, but an excellent short film shows glimpses of whales courting and *possibly mating and includes a* charming sequence in which male humpbacks "sing" in unison, like an aquatic male voice choir, to attract the females. The commentary concludes that for many whales courtship comprises three main elements: caresses, visual displays and singing, which caused a passing technician to mutter "unlike homo-sapiens".

There is a widespread belief that whales and dolphins are extremely intelligent animals, substantiated by various tests which demonstrate their ability to "learn" certain human-imposed skills, even basic grammatical rules. But the strength of this section for me was that it posed many questions and concluded that there remain vast areas about which we still understand nothing.

The last part of the exhibition I found the most interesting – and I have to say, disturbing: apart from an eight-minute film on stranding that brought a lump to the throat, the final section concentrates on the blue whale of Antarctica, an endangered species. According to Brian Bath, a member of the *museum's staff involved with* mounting the exhibition, some form of protection *now* is a matter of life and death to these and several other species, such as the bowhead and the black right whale.

Centuries of hunting have resulted in decimated populations, and there is a very real danger that many species *will* become extinct. Possible reasons are that in a very small population a male and female might not meet each other very often; or there may be social reasons – such as that a species needs to have a sufficiently big population before it chooses to reproduce itself.

The *International Whaling* Commission has called for a 10-year moratorium to begin in 1986 (claimed by some to be "another two years too late") on hunting the blue whale, to give it a chance to multiply. Many experts believe that is a minimum restraint, and that "20 or 30 years may not be enough".

Having visited the exhibition, you do not have to be an active member of Greenpeace to conclude that whales and their relatives are noble creatures, worthy of our respect. We have pursued them for centuries – for their oil, for their flesh, even their skin; we made corsets from their baleen, scrimshaw with their teeth, even exploited a by-product of their gut (ambergris) to make exotic scents. But as Brian Bath said, "there are substitutes for everything".

Judy Froshaug

Whales and their Relatives opens at the Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7 (589 6323) on Thurs. Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30pm-6pm. Free.



Mike Abrahams

Whale of a time: Marine mammals in display formation at the Natural History Museum

Outings

HAUNTERS OF THE DEEP: Last of the films to be seen during the Capital Radio Children's Film Festival, is set in Cornwall, just before the reopening of an abandoned tin-mine. The ghost of a young boy killed there, one of his friends and a young American girl work together to prevent another tragedy.
Lumiere Theatre, St Martins Lane, London WC2. Tomorrow, 11am (tickets £1.60 from NFT Box Office, 928 3232).

THE VICTORIAN SOLDIER: LIFE IN THE BRITISH ARMY 1837–1901: Travelling exhibition prepared by the National Army Museum looks at food, discipline, daily life and active service of Victorian soldiers. Well-displayed piece of social history.
Gunnersbury Park Museum, Gunnersbury Park, London W3 (992 1612). Today until Jan 2, Mon–Fri 1–4pm, Sat and Sun 2–4pm. Free.

MINE OF INFORMATION Two topical films today – *Nine Centuries of Coal* and *Planning New Mines*, both to be shown in the Small Theatre, near the Children's Gallery. This afternoon's lecture, "Intriguing Illusions", lasts about an hour, with illustrations, and will be given by Education Officer John Stevenson in the Lecture Theatre.
Science Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (589 3456). Today, films from 1pm, lecture from 3pm. All free.

TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION: Last chance to see the excellent IBM exhibition, which demonstrates the significant role played by technology in today's society. It takes about an hour to go round, in the grounds of the Natural History Museum.
Natural History Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (589 6323). Today 10am to 6pm, tomorrow 2.30-6pm. Free.

LONDON RIVER 1850-1984: Fascinating small exhibition of paintings, drawings, etchings, showing the changing face of the Thames.
Parkin Gallery, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (235 8144) Today, 10am-1pm, Mon until Dec 7, 10am-6pm. Free.

CHRISTMAS MARKER: Craft stalls, Morris dancers, refreshments, in this historic castle which dates from the 13th century and is now run by Carmelite monks.
Allington Castle, Allington, Kent (0622 85684). Tomorrow, 11am-5pm. Adult 30p, accompanied children free. Guided tour of the castle, £1 adult, 50p child.

CHESS

Why stunted minds make weak moves

Worthy parents of children who excel at chess often ask me how their offspring can improve their game, or what books on openings they should study. I reply to both questions guardedly not only because I am the author of two introductory books on chess, but also because I am firmly convinced that there is too much emphasis laid on openings nowadays.

I have just received two books for review that illustrate my dilemma, massive tomes which I can scarcely lift except with both hands: two volumes of *New in Chess* edited by Alexander Matanovic (Batsford, £27) which classify the openings in the same style as *Informator* with the same brief notes. Their aim is to provide the reader with as full a reference book as possible and since the work seems to have been done thoroughly I have no doubt that the books will be widely read.

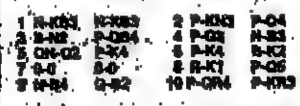
Nevertheless I object to this method of compiling a book, which has become increasingly popular of late. No attempt is made to add to the reader's grasp of the game or indeed to suggest new and/or better lines of play. I can think of no better way of barring young enthusiasts from increasing their understanding of chess.

How different it was when I was a boy. Then books or articles on the openings were written by such able and interesting writers as Reti, Nimzowitsch, Speelman and Rubinstein. Our present-day writers would do well to emulate their predecessors and at least give us some original analysis.

The consequences of the current trend are not difficult to see. With too much emphasis on memory, the chess world is full of young players whose imagination has been stunted.

Consider the following game which was played in a recent county club match. My opponent was a young player in his early twenties, and as the game proceeded and he began to realize we were on uncharted lines, his confidence diminished and his moves became feeble.

White, D. J. Turner (Slough). Black, H. Golombek (Chesham and Amersham). Flank attack.



1 N-KB3	N-KB3		2 P-KN3	P-Q4
3 B-N2	P-QB4		4 P-Q3	N-B3
5 QN-Q2	P-K4		6 P-K4	B-K2
7 0-0	0-0		8 R-K1	P-Q5
9 N-R4	Q-B2		10 P-QR4	P-KR3

Preparing to play B-K3 without having to worry about N-N5.

11 Q-K2 B-K3 12 N-B3

An unnecessary retreat since Black is not threatening to play BxN.

12 ... P-QR3 13 B-Q2 KR-K1
14 R(K1)-N1

The final signs of indecision which are followed by an even weaker demonstration of doubt. He could have tried N-R4 but the damage was already done with his twelfth move.

14 ... QR-N1 15 P-B3 P-QN4
16 RPxP RPxP 17 PxP

A losing move that should have been avoided. Instead 12 N-B2 came into consideration.

17 ... BPxP 18 R-QB1 Q-N3
19 Q-K1 N-Q2

Aiming at QB4 where it strikes at two weaknesses in the White camp. Now White should have played P-QN4 but he did not like this stultifying move.

20 N-B2 N-B4 21 B-R5 NxB
22 P-QN4 N(R4)-N6 23 PxN BxP
24 NxKP NxR(B1) 25 QxN

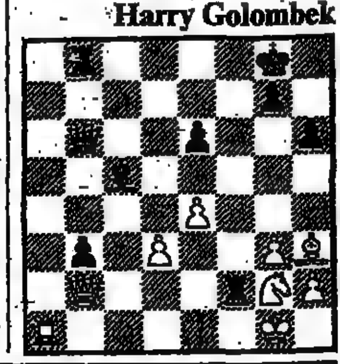
Rather better was 25 RxN but he was already quite lost.

25 ... B-Q3 26 N-B3 R(K1)-QB1
27 Q-N2 P-N5 28 N(B2)xQP P-N6
29 NxB PxN 30 N-K1

Otherwise there comes R-B7 but by now the threats were too many.

30 ... B-B4 31 B-R3 R-B1
32 N-N2 RxP 33 Resigns.

Harry Golombek



IN THE GARDEN

A slice of life from well ripened wood

Raising one's own plants is one of the most satisfying aspects of gardening. Creating a new plant always gives pleasure, whether you are a beginner or have been a professional for all your working life.

Few methods of propagation need much equipment; with hard wood cuttings all we need are the plants, (or pieces of the plant), and a part of the garden. It may not always be as easy as it sounds, but if the materials are right there should be few disappointments. However, this method of propagation is not suitable for all plants since *some will never form roots* from vegetative shoots.

As usual, it is the preparation which matters; it is no use selecting the shoots, planting them out in the garden and expecting them to root. Soil conditions have got to be right. It is now the right time of year to select a site which is in good condition – which has been well looked after and has been charged with manure or organic matter on a regular basis over a number of years. Parts of the garden which were manured for a crop last year would be suitable; fresh manure is not ideal for rooting.

Think ahead and prepare the site in the spring or early summer of the year you intend to begin. In this case you can add well rotted farmyard manure to the bottom spit and plant a short-term crop on this piece of ground in the summer.

The ground will then be ready to receive the cuttings.

Heavy soil can be improved by the addition of sand or well rotted organic matter; it is important that there is both moisture holding capacity and also that surplus water drains away quickly. Light soils can also be improved by adding organic matter, which ideally should be of peat, bark or leaf mould, which has been well rotted.

Hard wood cuttings can be taken any time between October and March, when the plants are dormant. Deciduous plants are propagated by this method, but it is not suitable for evergreens. Prepare the ground now; dig it one spit deep: push the spade into the ground to the full depth of the blade and turn it over. The site selected should be in a sheltered part of the garden, not shaded by trees or buildings, and well drained.

Zoë Atkin

Steps to success: Sprinkle the sharp sand in the trench; remove soft tips and dip the base of each shoot into rooting powder; insert in the sand and firm in the plants.

Peg out a straight line and then, using a spade, make a V trench with the back line of the V upright. The trench should not be less than 6in deep and can be up to 10in deep depending on the type of plant. In the bottom of the trench, place about 2in of sharp sand, which will help to get rid of excess moisture and assist the formation of roots. It is now ready for the cuttings. (Do not dig the trench and then leave it exposed to the elements; prepare the trench at the time you are taking the cuttings.)

The propagating material selected from the plants should be firm and well-ripened. Sometimes the tips of the cuttings are soft and green: *these should be cut back to* sound, well-ripened wood.

The length of the cutting will vary according to the type of plant, and will be from 6-8in to 12-15in long. The vigour of the plant and the type of growth determines the length. The stronger it is, the longer the cutting.

Always use a sharp knife; *where necessary*, trim the cutting directly beneath a node except those which are taken with a heel – a small sliver of old wood which is pulled off the parent branch; heels should be trimmed to tidy loose ends and to leave a clean cut.

Cuttings are inserted into *the prepared* trench leaving only a small part of the shoot above ground level, with the end of the cutting in the sandy layer at the base. Always use a hormone rooting powder designed for hard wood plants as this gives better results.

Once in position, firm in well by packing down the soil from the other side of the trench; this is very important. It is also important to firm in cuttings if frost has loosened them in the soil.

There are a great many plants which can be propagated in this way. *Buddleia Davidi* and *globosa* are good subjects; the best shoots would be about 12in long with a heel. *Caryopteris x clandonensis* shoots should be about 6in long; of well ripened wood without a heel. *Cistus* is a plant with short shoots, and therefore cuttings should be about 4in long with a heel whilst *Cornus alba* and forms have longish shoots and the cuttings should be about 10in long without a heel. *Cytisus* (broom) roots easily; shoots about 6in with a heel have few failures. *Diervilla* is also easy; take cuttings of 10in, with a heel.

Roses are also worth a try, and although they are usually budded or grafted, they root fairly easily from wood cuttings. Strong shoots of about 9in long from the current year's growth are best; do not try the weaker forms. Hybrid Teas and flori*bundas are worth trying, as are* the ramblers.

Hypericum shoots at 6in long are ready to lift the following autumn. *Kerria japonica, Leycesteria formosa*, privet, and even the mulberry although a tree, can be propagated in this way; *Philadelphus*, the mock orange, needs shoots about 10in long with a heel for the best results.

Leave the plants where they are for a full growing season before attempting to lift them.

Ashley Stephenson

Birds' banquet

Ilex Aquifolium, the common holly, is familiar to most people through its extensive use as a Christmas decoration. Some of the shrubberies in parks and gardens still contain bushes which were planted in Victorian times, when the holly was very popular.
It is one of the best berrying shrubs, which may sometimes reach the height of a small tree. There are a number of good forms which will enhance a garden. The common holly has very dark green leaves. If grown in dense shade, it will not fruit well and will become straggly. If it has a reasonable amount of light and the soil is in *good condition, it will grow very* well. It requires little, if any, pruning and can easily be transplanted in the autumn or late spring if the plant is not too big.
This year there are masses of berries on the holly, but contrary to the old wives' tale, this does not indicate a hard winter ahead, but rather that the weather and conditions were good when the plants were in flower. Birds love all types of holly berry and some years the bushes are stripped bare by Christmas.
Ilex x altaclarensis Golden King is the best variegated holly and is female, despite its name.
I Aquifolium Madame Briot is also female, with purple stems. *I a* Golden Queen is, as its name *suggests, golden but does not* produce fruit. *I A argentea marginata* has silver variegations and berries well. *I crenata Convexa* is unusual, having small leaves, but lots of berries.
Plants cost about £7 each from Bridgemere Nurseries, Cheshire or Notcutts, Suffolk.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 510)

Prizes of the New Collins Concise English dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, December 6, 1984. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, December 8, 1984.

ACROSS
1 Commercial world (6,5)
9 Matters (7)
10 Gyrate (5)
11 Unhappy (3)
13 Rotate (4)
16 Great War ridge (4)
17 Cerumen (6)
18 French Riviera resort (4)
20 Iran ruler (4)
21 Sob (6)
22 Competent (4)
23 Strong taste (4)
25 Knack (3)
28 Port, lemon drink (5)
29 Practical awareness (7)
30 Extreme dislike (3,8)

DOWN
2 Nasty (5)
3 Jungle knife (4)
4 Fling (4)
5 Obscene (4)
6 Treasure (7)
7 Church guardian (6,5)
8 Keep rules (4,3,4)
12 Parisian gangster (6)
14 Sheltered side (3)
15 Fervour (6)
19 Body perfume (7)
20 Drunkard (3)
24 Protein component (5)
25 Largest continent (4)
26 Factual (4)
27 Move by (4)

SOLUTION TO No 509
ACROSS: 1 Acedia 5 Floral 8 Leo 9 Healer 10 Regent 11 Brim 12 Apostate 14 Apiary 17 Manioc 19 Squad car 22 Cafe 24 Damson 25 Notice 26 Die 27 Stingy 28 Rueful
DOWN: 2 Cheer 3 Dilemma 4 Already 5 Forgo 6 Ought 7 Annatto 13 Spa 15 Piquant 16 Rid 17 Mariner 18 Necktie 20 Arson 21 Candy 23 Fichu

Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

The winners of prize concise No 504 are: T. Edwards, 111 Summerland Lane, Caswell Bay, Swansea; M. J. Reeves, 3 Deckway, Beckenham, Kent.

SOLUTION TO No 504 (last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Prairie wolf 9 Elegiac 10 Recur 11 And 13 Obey 16 Puma 17 Aplomb 18 Reap 20 Pelt 21 Accuse 22 Vase 23 Thee 25 Yea 28 Theme 29 Prosaic 30 Represented
DOWN: 2 Reeve 3 Ibid 4 Inca 5 Ward 6 Lecture 7 Zero gravity 8 Break the ice 12 Nimbus 14 Yap 15 Cliche 19 Austere 20 Pet 24 Heave 25 Year 26 Apes 27 Worn

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BRIDGE

Poland's persistence pays off

Teams from 54 countries travelled to Seattle in the United States to contest the Open Series of the seventh World Team Olympiad. Even though the entry was a little smaller than at Valkenburg in 1980, it is a healthy reflection of the world-wide interest in the game.

The qualifiers who emerged successfully from the round robin were, with the possible exception of Austria and Pakistan, predictable. But Pakistan has become an "expected" surprise in recent years and, as in the past, finished strongly to deprive Norway and Sweden of a place in the final stages.

Indonesia, impressive winners of the 1983 Far Eastern Championships, won Group B, with Italy and the US coasting into second and third places. In *Group A*, Austria, Poland, Denmark and France drew some way clear of India in fifth place. The Indians may be disappointed, but theirs was nevertheless a fine performance.

The 64 board quarter finals provided some bombshells. France routed Indonesia by 244-95 *IMPs*, and Poland proved too strong for Pakistan. Italy, after a bad second quarter, failed to recover, and finally lost to Denmark by 132-117. But the sensation was Austria's victory over the US. With 16 boards to play and 23 points behind, they rallied to beat the favourites by 128-121. Few would dispute the present American supremacy in world bridge, but the US has still to win the Open Series of the World Team Olympiad.

In the semi-finals, France established an early lead over Denmark, and resisted a desperate counter-attack in the final quarter, to win by 164 IMPs to 149. But the real drama was Poland's recovery to snatch victory from Austria on the last board.

The 96 board final was suprisingly one-sided. At the half-way stage, Poland had established the virtually unassailable lead of 111 IMPs. Despite a flicker of resistance from France, current holders of the title, Poland held on tenaciously to win by 236-156.

Thus Poland joins the select company of Italy (three times winners) France (twice) and Brazil, *as the only countries to* win the coveted title.

The winning team was Tomasz Przybura, Krzyslof Martens, Piotr Ganrys, Henryk Wolny, Jacek Romanski and Piotr Tuszynski, with Marian Frenkiel as non-playing captain.

Some of these names are new to me, but *apparently not to* one shrewd spectator who backed his judgment at 8/1 before the start of play. Of course, the players themselves, like jockeys, are not allowed to bet.

On board 39 of the quarter-final match between the US and Austria, Goldman and Soloway bid an *excellent vulnerable* Grand Slam. The Austrians stopped in six, and the Americans' lead crept into the twenties.

This was board 40.
Quarter Final. US v Austria.
Love all. Dealer East.

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            ♠ A432
            ♥ A985
            ♦ AJ73
            ♣ 7
♠ Q1097              ♠ 86
♥ K732        N      ♥ 108
♦ 4         W   E    ♦ K982
♣ J1085       S      ♣ AQ943
            ♠ KJ5
            ♥ QJ4
            ♦ Q1065
            ♣ K82
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In the closed room Wolff (South) attempted the unsalubrious contract of three no trumps, on the lead of the CJ. The contract required more than its fair share of luck and received less. Wolff made 7 tricks, 100 to Austria.

This was the bidding in the open room:

W	N	E	S
Soloway	Fucik	Goldman	Terraneo
–	–	No	No
No	1♣	2♣	Double(1)
4♣	Double(2)	No	No
No	–	–	–

(1) Negative double
(2) Well judged, because of his lack of intermediates.

Terraneo and *Fucik* took the obvious six tricks and a penalty of 500. If I were asked to assess the blame for the American disaster, I would suggest that Goldman's bid of two clubs opposite a partner who has passed seems more culpable than Soloway's attempt to jostle *the opposition into the wrong* spot.

Apart from the result, the main talking point at the World Olympiad was provided by systems, in particular the proliferation of strong pass systems. Opinions were sharply divided on the desirability of these new methods. The consensus of journalists and leading players was that, subject to a full and proper disclosure, any system should be permitted at the World Olympiad or the Bermuda Bowl. But in Pairs contests or the Rosenblum Cup the view was that they should not because opponents have insufficient time to compose an effective defence. Bobby Goldman, a former World Champion, even *suggested that there* should be a World Championship where the conventions were restricted to Stayman and Blackwood. Good Heavens, that would mean a return to playing bridge.

Jeremy Flint

Rock & jazz records of the montl

REVIEW

Proud sounds of muted genius

Curtis Amy: Katanga (Affinity AFF128)
Ike Quebec/John Hardee: The Complete Blue Note Forties Recordings (Mosaic MR4-107)
Ike Quebec: Blue and Sentimental (Blue Note BST 84098)
Sonny Clark: Leapin' and Lopin' (Blue Note BST 84041)

Dupree Bolton made his first recording in 1945, his second in 1959, and his third in 1963. Before, between, and in the 21 years since, only silence. Some people nevertheless feel that he may have been – and, for all anyone seems to know, may still be – among the greatest of jazz trumpeters.

Eleven solos, three photographs, one composition and a sole recorded encounter with a journalist (eliciting a single quotable remark: "When I was 14, I left home") are all that remain. Surely only Buddy Bolden, who left no recordings at all, managed to keep himself a better secret.

Whatever his fate, the evidence of Dupree Bolton's stature rests on his recordings. The first, as a member of the trumpet section of Buddy Johnson's orchestra on the New York session which produced the rhythm 'n' blues hit "Since I Fell For You" and three other titles, can be discounted. The second was an electrifying classic of the hard-bop genre called *The Fox*, by a quintet under the leadership of the tenor saxophonist Harold Land, cut originally for the small Hifijazz label and happily restored to the catalogues a few years ago as Contemporary S7619. The third was *Katanga*; thanks to the London-based Affinity label, the complete output of this extraordinary musician is once again available.

Conceived at a time when the innovations of John Coltrane and Ornette Coleman were spreading like ripples across the lake of modern jazz, *Katanga* aims a few degrees to the left of the strict, almost obsessive classicism of *The Fox*, and there are transparent attempts to imitate the modal structures and circular rhythms pioneered by Coltrane and Miles Davis.



Sax supreme: Ike Quebec in full flow at a studio session

Bolton's tone is not big, but it is capable of a wonderful flexibility, some of its shadings as sudden and fleeting as tiny clouds crossing the sun on a summer day. He is as comfortable with the stately, almost baroque tragedy of his ballad solo on "You Don't Know What Love Is" as with the defiant brittleness of his statement on "Native Land". The silencing of this marvellous talent is one of the mysteries of jazz.

Another well-kept secret from the middle years of jazz has been Ike Quebec, a tenor saxophonist who recorded for the Blue Note and Savoy labels in the 1940s and again for Blue Note in the few years up to his untimely death from cancer in 1963, at the age of 44.

A most beautiful player, in the big-toned, overtly virile tradition of Coleman Hawkins and Ben Webster but with an early sympathy for the sounds of bebop, he can be heard in his salad days in the encyclopaedic four-disc Mosaic box which pairs his recordings with those of John Hardee, another overlooked tenorist from the Forties mainstream. Rare and unissued takes are included, superbly catalogued and annotated, with Mosaic's usual scholarly flair, and "Blue Harlem", Quebec's hit of 1944, is the pick of the bunch.

Latter-day Quebec – lighter in tone, but dialectically unchanged – can be heard on *Blue and Sentimental*, from 1962, on which he is teamed with a rhythm section of modernists: Grant Green (guitar), Paul Chambers (bass) and Philly Joe Jones (drums). On his later recordings, one is struck most of all by the imperturbable maturity of Quebec's wide-grained sound and insouciant behind-the-beat attack.

Quebec also turned up in 1961 on one track of another sought-after Blue Note album now reissued in France by Pathé-Marconi (and made available in Britain by EMI), and his work on "Deep in a Dream" does nothing to damage the favoured status Sonny Clark's *Leapin' and Lopin'* enjoys in the hearts of hard-bop collectors, thanks also to an unusually fine performance by the trumpeter Tommy Turrentine and to superlative work by bassist Butch Warren and drummer Billy Higgins, perhaps the archetypal Blue Note rhythm team.

Richard Williams

● Mosaic records are available by mail order from 1341 Ocean Avenue, Suite 135, Santa Monica, California 90401: MR4-107 (Quebec/Hardee) $39, MR5-104 $47.50 including surface mail charges.



Men of metal: Belfegore's line up is (from left) Meikel Clauss, Raoul Walton, Charly T

Pop polish for a mass market

Wham! Make It Big (Epic EPC 86311)
Duran Duran Arena (Parlophone EX26 0308 1)
Belfegore (Elektra 960 378-1)

Pop formulas, like those of the ambitious doctors Jekyll and Frankenstein, occasionally result in the most hideous misfits. Alternatively, they bring their mad inventors untold wealth.

Wham's George Michael seems to have mixed his chemicals just right. Wham's new album is as clinically pure as a laboratory product. *Make It Big* provides a lesson in teen appeal while leaving something for the mums and dads who will flock to buy discs between now and Christmas to keep their young ones happy.

Make It Big is not particularly beguiling or original, but it is a highly polished and accomplished set. Michael seems to have studied the great vocal stylists like Stevie Wonder and Franke Valli in an effort to resurrect British soul. Having found his sound, he has adapted Michael Jackson's production values and multi-tracked his own voice into a fair approximation of Fleetwood Mac. The result: eight songs taylor made for mass consumption on both sides of the Atlantic.

It's easy to sneer at the likes of Wham from a position of ageing intolerance, but on record they deliver some ambitious pop that is seldom bland. *Make It Big* includes all their recent hits as well as a cover of the Isley Brothers' "If You Were There" and a song called "Credit Card Baby" – so disingenuously loathsome it has to be a joke.

Last year's pretty boys, Duran Duran, are also in the Christmas market with their predictable live *Arena* album, recorded at points all over the globe. Duran's formula, their photogenic features, glossy videos and catchy singles have a slightly risqué sex appeal.



Wham wonder: George Michael

Arena has been carefully mixed to disguise any technical hitches and so lacks live atmosphere, but the band performs with sufficient sense of rock tradition to keep the teenies satisfied. Duran's lyrics are not up to much – mildly titillating but hardly provocative.

The German-based metal trio, Belfegore, refuse to stick to any metal rules. They don't have long hair, they are multiracial and they use electronics. Produced by Connie Plank, Belfegore rythmns are more reminiscent of the German group Can than of any conventional "sword and sorcery" types, while their basic line up, two Americans and one German, adds to the confusion.

Belfegore's guitars are pitched low and highly sequenced, the drums are wound tight and the bass provides counter-melody rather than obvious propulsion.

Singer Meikel Clauss brings an eery melancholy to pieces like "Wake Up With Sirens" and "Comic With Rats Now". Not surprisingly, Belfegore evolved in the shadow of the Berlin Wall. They are making music for the nuclear age.

Max Bell

THE WEEK

Artists on the loose with Aesop



Buxom birds: Beryl Cook's sly version of an old maxim . . .

Galleries

Every Christmas, the Portal Gallery in London invites its artists to submit a painting for a theme show. Last year it was "Pigs". This year you might stil catch a glimpse of a swine or two because Monday marks the opening of an exhibition of paintings based on Aesop's fables.

Little is known about Aesop, except that he was a Thracian slave who died in 564 BC, and that Socrates put some of the fables into verse during his imprisonment. The theme might be thought to appeal mainly to children, although the inclusion of work by Beryl Cook will make the show attractive to adults as well.

There are delicate, straightforward interpretations of some of the better known stories; Helen Williams's two small pictures – one a tiny embroidery of a bunch of grapes, the other a watercolour of the disgruntled fox – fit together neatly. Lions are popular choices and in Fred Aris's charming painting, a somnolent king of the beasts is tucked up in bed, with a little mouse running across his nose.

The fables' wealth of situation and experience have left the artists scope to illuminate their choice with their own concerns, sometimes discarding the animal clothing of the original tale to illustrate the meaning. James M. Grainger paints vicars. His small, circular oil, based on the story of the man with two mistresses, is of a genial, balding cleric in a dog collar; on either side of him stands a woman – both facing the viewer with calm, if quizzical expressions and each holding a wispy tuft of hair. It is sub-titled "The Polygamist's Alopecia".

Altering the original story can give it a subtle twist. In the common version of the fable of the bet between the Sun and the North Wind, it is "a traveller" who is induced to remove his coat; in James McNaught's paintings it is a curvacious blonde, first seen wrapped in furs against cool blue winds, then throwing off her coat in hot yellow sunshine.

Beryl Cook's painting of "A Bird in the Hand . . ." has her usual sly humour, puckered mouths and knowing glances. Her birds wear scarlet lipstick and high heels.

Visitors are likely to know at least one of the fables or one of the old saws – even if they were unaware of their provenance. It is a clever choice of subject and the styles are so varied that there is something to suit every taste. A Christmas treat.

Prudence Hone

"Aesop's Fables" opens at the Portal Gallery, 16a Grafton Sreet, London W1 (493 0706) on Mon. Until Jan 5, Mon-Fri 10am-5.45pm, Sat 11am-2pm.





. . . Fred Aris's snoozing lion lets a mouse take a liberty

Openings

TILLY LOSCH: Formerly a ballerina and star of C. B. Cochran's revues, Tilly Losch is now a much-collected artist. Her paintings have been described as "a curious and evocative order of magic". Gallery 10, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1 (491 8103). Opens Wed, until Dec 21. Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

MEMORIES OF THE EAST: Early Islamic art from the 9th to the 15th century including examples of woodwork from the Seljuk period as well as ceramics and glass. Momtaz Gallery, 42 Pembridge Road, London W11 (229 5579). Opens Thurs, until Dec 20, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10.30am-4.30pm.

Selected

AN ARCHITECTURAL QUEST: FROM BARCELONA TO THE BALTIC
Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, London W1 (499 6870). Until Jan 11, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-1pm
Glynn Boyd Harte's recent watercolours range from the austere neo-classicism of the Altes Museum in Berlin to the organic forms of Gaudi's Casa Mila in Barcelona. The show includes interiors of The Hermitage in Leningrad and Mackintosh's Willow Tea Rooms in Glasgow.

DESIGNS FOR DANCES
Arnolfini Gallery, Narrow Quay, Bristol (0272 299194). Until Jan 13, Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm
Original designs by Bakst, Braque, Leger and John Piper are on show, together with models of set designs by Bridget Riley, Richard Smith and David Hockney celebrating 75 years of artists' involvement with ballet.

RICHARD HAMILTON: PRINTS 1939-83
Waddington Graphics, 2-4 Cork Street, London W1 (439 1866). Until Dec 22, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm
Hamilton's impact comes from the juxtapositions of the bizarre and the commonplace. The show includes the famous prints of Marilyn Monroe, Bing Crosby and Mick Jagger . . . and the notorious vase of flowers.

CHINESE ORNAMENT: THE LOTUS AND THE DRAGON
British Museum, London WC1 (636 1555). Until May 5, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-6pm
Fascinating journey through decorative motifs, from ancient Egypt and classical Greece to China. Lotus Patterns and acanthus scrolls were appropriated by Chinese porcelain painters to wonderful effect.

WILLIAM MORRIS
Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield (0742 734781). Until Jan 6, Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 2-5pm
Celebrating the 150th anniversary of Morris's birth, the exhibition concentrates on his designs for carpets, embroideries, furniture, tapestries, stained glass and also his wallpaper and fabrics.

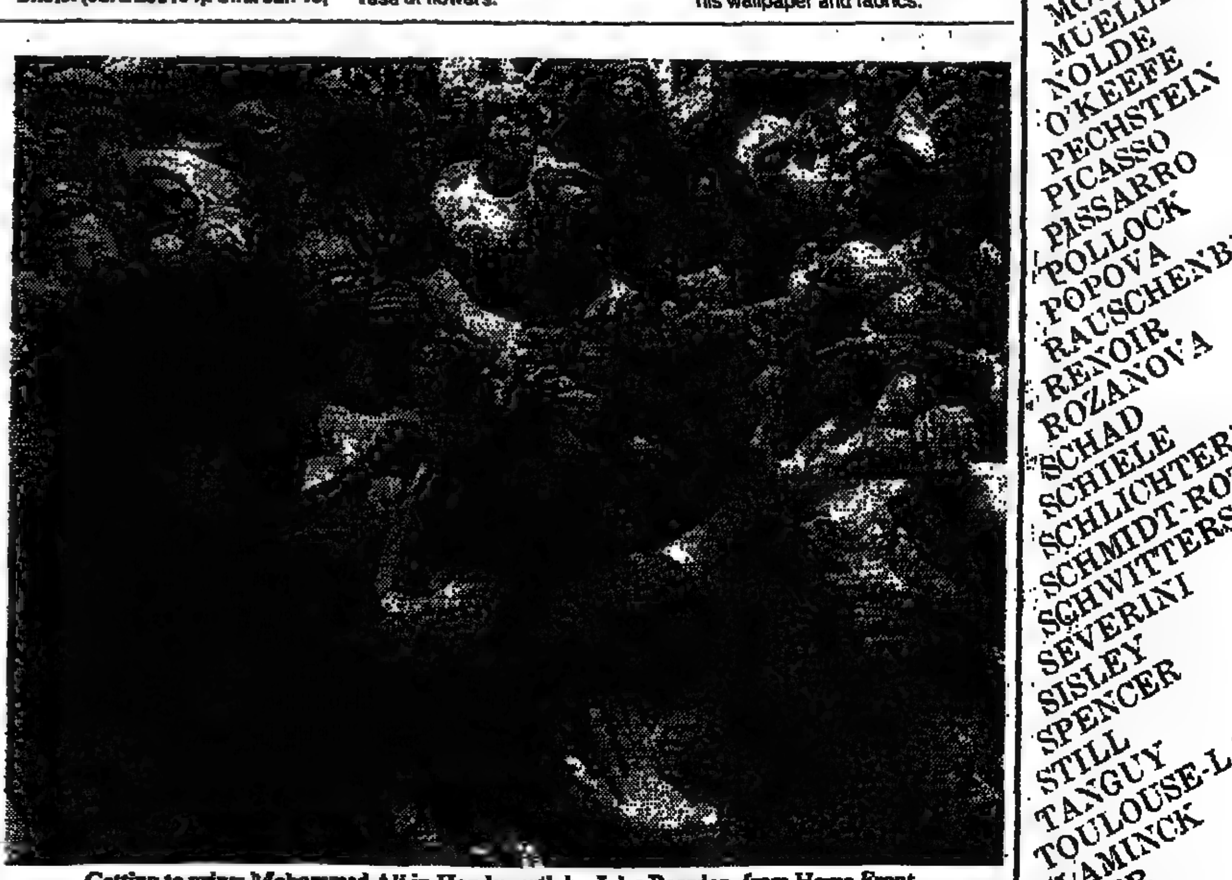
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THE BIRTH OF THE ARK ROYAL
Impressions Gallery 17 Colliergate, York (0904 54724). Opens Dec 7, until Jan 12. Tues-Sat 10am-6pm. Closed Dec 22-Jan 2
A deliberately didactic show which takes as its starting point a photograph by Chambre Hardman of the Ark Royal under construction. Rob Powell, who researched the exhibition, uses the warship as a catalyst for a broader discussion of form, meaning and content. Additional photographs examine unemployment in the northern shipyards.

SNAP RAZZLE AND POP
ffotogallery, 41 Charles Street, Cardiff (0222 41667). Opens Wed, until Jan 12. Tues-Fri, 10-30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm. Closed Dec 24-Jan 5
Pop photography from 1950-83, including work by Brian Griffin, Chalkie Davies and Anton Corbijn. Documentary and fantasy pictures give as a clear a view as can be had of this curious industry.

MARIO GIACOMELLI
Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal, Cumbria (0539 25133). Mon-Sat 9am-10pm
All his life, Mario Giacomelli has lived in the small town of Senigallia near Urbino in Italy. He is self-taught and his photographs of people and landscapes are printed to have an arresting graphic quality.

HOME FRONT
Photographers' Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport Street, London, WC2 (01 240 1969). Tues-Sat 11am-7pm, until Jan 19. Triangle Photo Gallery, Aston University Arts Centre, Gosta Green, Birmingham (021 359 3979). Tues-Sat noon-6pm, until Jan 30



Getting to grips: Mohammed Ali in Handsworth by John Reardon, from Home Front

Photographs by Derek Bishton and John Reardon taken over a four-year period in the Birmingham district of Handsworth. Ethnic groups documented include Jamaicans, Asians, Sikhs and Muslims, as they pursue their lives and cultural interests. The main body of work is an honest attempt to break down various stereotypes which have become common currency since the 1950s. However the problem remains that Bishton and Reardon are white men peering into a world which might be expected to receive them with some hostility. But hostility is rarely on view in these pictures – evidence of the photographers' dedication and hard work. Also published in book form by Cape, price £4.95 with an introduction by Salman Rushdie.
This exhibition is the opening show for the Triangle Gallery.

CENTRAL AMERICA, THE FACE OF CRISIS
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3002). Tomorrow until Dec 2, daily 10am-10pm
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Sunday 2 Dec 3.15 pm	KATIA & MARIELLE LABEQUE (two pianos – piano duet) Bartók from Mikrokosmos; Gershwin An American in Paris (British premiere – original vers. for 2 pianos) Ravel Mother Goose; Gershwin/Grainger Fantasy on Porgy & Bess. £3.00, £5.50, £7.50 Harrison/Parrott Ltd
Sunday 2 Dec 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA London Philharmonic Choir Jesus Lopez-Cobos (cond) Edith Wiens (sop) Anne Sofie Von Otter (m-sop) Robert Tear (ten) Matthew Best (bass) Beethoven Missa Solemnis (There will be no interval). £3.70, £4.80, £5.90, £7, £8, £9 (only) LPO Ltd
Tuesday 4 Dec 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Jesus Lopez-Cobos (conductor) Florence Quivar (mezzo-soprano) Wagner Overture, The Mastersingers; Wagner Wesendonk Lieder; Bruckner Symphony No.3 (original). £2.50, £3.70, £4.80, £5.90, £7, £8, £9 LPO Ltd
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Thursday 6 Dec 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Andrew Davis (conductor) Cho Liang-Lin (violin) Sibelius The Oceanides; Sibelius Violin Concerto; Beethoven Symphony No.4. £2.50, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 Philharmonia Ltd
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Sunday 9 Dec 7.30 pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA London Symphony Chorus Gilbert Kaplan (cond) Benita Valente (soprano) Maureen Forrester (contralto) Mahler Symphony No.2 (Resurrection) There will be no interval during this performance. £3.70, £5.20, £8.70, (only) In aid of the American LSO Foundation
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Tuesday 11 Dec 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Choir of Kings' College Cambridge, Philharmonia Chorus Stephen Cleobury (cond) Julie Kennard (sop) Neil Jenkins (ten) Carols & Music for Christmas Bach Cantata, BWV 191; Charpentier Midnight Mass for Christmas Eve Carols. £3, £4, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 (only) Philharmonia Ltd
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Thursday 13 Dec 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Kurt Masur (conductor) Gidon Kremer (violin) Beethoven Overture, Leonora No.3; Beethoven Violin Concerto; Beethoven Symphony No.5 £2.50, £3.80, £5, £6, £7, £8, £9 RPO Ltd
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Sunday 2 Dec 7.15 pm	ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE Andrzej Panufnik (guest conductor) G. Gabrieli Canzoni à 12; Mozart Divertimento in B flat, K.287; Panufnik Arbor Cosmica, Invocation for 12 solo strings (1st European pf). £1.50, £2.50, £3, £4, £5 Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Monday 3 Dec 7.45 pm	THE LONDON FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA Ross Pople (dir/cello) *Edwin Roxburgh (cond) John Anderson (ob) Purcell Chaconne in G min; Marcello Ob Conc in C min; Mozart Div, K.251, *David Ward Vars for cello & orch (1st pf); Haydn Symph No.49. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 London Festival Orchestra
Tuesday 4 Dec 7.45 pm	NATAN BRAND (piano) Schumann Kinderscenen, Op.15; Schumann Kreisleriana, Op.16; Schumann Blumenstücke, Op.19; Schumann Etudes symphoniques, Op.13 £1.20, £2.60, £3.70, £4.50, £5.20 Grapevine Concert Management
Wednesday 5 Dec 6.30 pm	DON GIOVANNI (PG) 176 mins Joseph Losey's colour film of Mozart's opera with Ruggero Raimondi, Kiri Te Kanawa, Edda Moser, Teresa Berganza, Jose Van Dam, Kenneth Riegel, Malcolm King, John Macurdy, Orch & Chorus of Paris Opera, Lorin Maazel (cond). All seats £2.50 (£1.25 for children/stud'ts/unemployed) GLC
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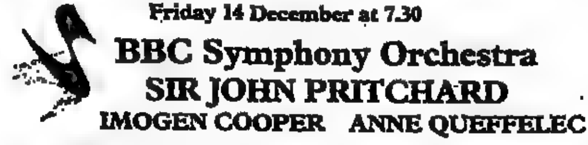
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Barbican Centre JANUARY EVENTS

BARBICAN HALL

LSO Tuesday 1 at 7.45pm
New Year's Day Concert
LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
directed from the violin by John Georgiadis. Johann Strauss I: Frederika Polka; Almacs Quadrille; Radetzky March; William Tell Galop. Johann Strauss II: Overture 'Die Fledermaus'; Tritsch Tratsch Polka; Roses from the South Waltz; Egyptian March; Thunder and Lightning Polka; Blue Danube Waltz. Eduard Strauss: Fesche Geister Waltz; Ausser Rand und Band Polka. Josef Strauss: Feuerfest Polka. Josef Strauss & Johann Strauss II: Pizzicato Polka. Carl Ziehrer: Busserl (Kissing) Polka Mazurka. £7.50, £8.50, £5.50, £4, £3.

Wednesday 2 at 5.00pm
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Thursday/Saturday 3/5 at 7.45pm
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Friday 4 at 7.45pm
LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Paul Freeman conductor. Maximilliane Damerini piano. Verdi: Overture 'The Force of Destiny'. Brahms: Piano Concerto No 1. Beethoven: Symphony No 5.
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STOCKHAUSEN MUSIC AND MACHINES 8-16 JANUARY Presented by the BBC

Tuesday 8 at 6.30pm
'Music and Machines'
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Tuesday 8 at 8.15pm
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Wednesday 9 at 7.45pm
Concert introduced by Karlheinz Stockhausen.
ELECTRONIC STUDIES 1 & 2. GESANG DER JÜNGLINGE. KONTAKTE. Ingo Metzmacher (piano). Andreas Boettger (percussion). Karlheinz Stockhausen (sound projection).
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Thursday 10 at 7.45pm
Concert introduced by Karlheinz Stockhausen.
MIKROPHONIE II. SOLO. SPIRAL. TELEMUSIK. BBC Singers. John Alldis, Pascal Desaule (hammond organ). Michael Barker (recorder). Michael Vetter (voice). John Rushby-Smith (sound projection).
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Friday 11 at 7.45pm
MANTRA
Bruno Canino, Antonio Ballista (pianos). John Rushby-Smith (sound projection).
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Saturday 12 at 7.45pm
STIMMUNG. Singcircle/Gregory Rose, Karlheinz Stockhausen (sound projection).
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Sunday 13 at 7.30pm
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Enrique Batiz conductor. Leland Chen violin. Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite No 1. Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto. Elgar: Enigma Variations. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4.50.
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LSO Tuesday 17 at 7.45pm
LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Yondani Butt conductor. Maurice Murphy trumpet. Rossini: Overture 'The Silken Ladder'. Haydn: Trumpet Concerto in E flat. Tchaikovsky: Francesca da Rimini. Beethoven: Ov. 'Leonora No 3'; Symphony No 8.
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Friday 18 at 1.00pm
ANTONY PEEBLES
Piano Recital
Beethoven: Sonata in F minor, Op 57 'Appassionata'. Chopin: Waltz in A flat, Op 69 No 1; Waltz in A flat, Op 34 No 1; Four Studies from Op 10: No 1 in C, No 3 in E, No 11 in E flat, No 12 in C minor; Nocturne in D flat, Op 27 No 2; Scherzo in C sharp minor, Op 39.
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Friday 18 at 7.45pm
CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA
Yan Pascal Tortelier conductor/violin. Gordon Hunt oboe. Handel: Concerto Grosso Op 6, No 1. Albinoni: Oboe Concerto No 3. Bach: Concerto for Violin and Oboe. Vivaldi: The Four Seasons.
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LSO Saturday 19 at 7.45pm
LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Yan Pascal Tortelier conductor. Ju Hee Suh piano. Berlioz: Overture 'Le Corsaire'. Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 1. Fauré: Incidental music to 'Pelléas et Mélisande'. Saint-Saëns: Danse macabre. Ravel: La Valse.
£8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4, £3.

Sunday 20 at 7.30pm
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Martin Fischer-Dieskau conductor. Vovka Ashkenazy piano. Mozart: Overture 'The Marriage of Figaro'. Handel: Water Music Suite. Grieg: Piano Concerto. Beethoven: 'Eroica' Symphony.
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Monday 21 at 7.45pm
LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Maurice Kaplow conductor. Enrique Perez de Guzman piano. Berlioz: 'Le Carnaval Romain' Overture. Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 'Emperor'. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 5.
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Tuesday 22 at 1.00pm
ORCHESTRA OF ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE
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Wednesday 23 at 7.45pm
YESO
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LSO Thursday 24 at 7.45pm
LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Rudolph Barshai conductor. Ju Hee Suh piano. Mussorgsky: A Night on the Bare Mountain. Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No 3. Brahms: Symphony No 1.
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Friday 25 at 7.45pm
LONDON SYMPHONY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Howard Shelley director/piano. Michael Davis violin. Anthony Camden oboe. Handel: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba. Bach: Air on the G string. Mozart: Piano Concerto No 21, K467 'Elvira Madigan'. Bach: Concerto for Violin and Oboe. Mozart: Symphony No 41 'Jupiter'.
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Saturday 26 at 8.00pm
LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA
Jonathan Del Mar conductor. John Ogdon piano. Rossini: Overture 'William Tell'. Sousa: King Cotton. Johann Strauss: Blue Danube Waltz. Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No 1. Suppé: Poet and Peasant. Mascagni: Intermezzo from 'Cavalleria Rusticana'. Waldteufel: Skaters' Waltz. Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance March No 1. Ravel: Boléro.
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LSO Sunday 27 at 7.30pm
LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Jack Brymer 70th Birthday Concert
Norman Del Mar conductor. Jack Brymer clarinet. R Strauss: Don Juan. Mozart: Clarinet Concerto, K622. Finzi: Clarinet Concerto. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 4.
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Monday 28 at 7.45pm
POLISH NATIONAL RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Antoni Wit conductor. Nigel Kennedy violin. Glinka: Overture 'Russlan and Ludmilla'. Brahms: Violin Concerto; Penderecki: The Awakening of Jacob. Mussorgsky arr. Ravel: Pictures at an Exhibition.
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Tuesday 29 at 1.00pm
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Tuesday 29 at 7.45pm
ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Russian Evening
Yuri Temirkanov conductor. Peter Donohoe piano. Prokofiev: Suite 'Lieutenant Kijé'. Rachmaninov: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade.
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Wednesday 30 at 1.00pm
BBC SINGERS
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Wednesday 30 at 7.45pm
NORTHERN SINFONIA
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LSO Thursday 31 at 7.45pm
LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
André Bernard conductor. Olivier Gardon piano. Brahms: 'Tragic' Overture. Brahms: Piano Concerto. Brahms: Symphony No 4.
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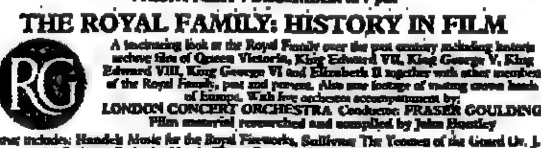
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Beethoven .... OVERTURE, LEONORE NO.3
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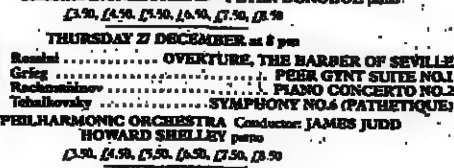
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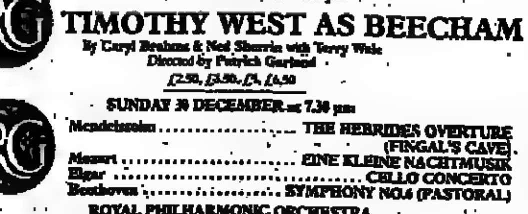
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Monday December 3 7.45pm	OSLO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Mariss Jansons (cond). Jens Harald Bratlie (piano). Berlioz: Roman Carnival Overture. Grieg: Piano Concerto. Shostakovich: Symphony No 5. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4.00, £3.00.
Tuesday December 4 8.45pm	TONY BENNETT. £12.50, £10.50, £8.50.
Thursday December 6 7.45pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Tamás Vásáry (cond). Emanuel Ax (piano). Beethoven: Overture 'Coriolan'; Piano Concerto No 5 'Emperor'; Symphony No 8. £8, £7, £5.50, £4.50, £3.50, £2.50.
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Saturday December 8 7.45pm	CITY OF LONDON SINFONIA. Doron Salomon (cond). Peter Aronsky (piano). Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No 3. Mozart: Piano Concerto No 20; Symphony No 41. Handel: Water Music Suite. £8, £7, £6, £5, £4. Victor Hochhauser Ltd.
Sunday December 9 7.30pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Yan Pascal Tortelier (cond). Tang Yun (violin). Beethoven: Overture Leonore No 3; Symphony No 3 'Eroica'. Handel: Royal Fireworks Music. Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto. £8, £7, £6, £5, £4. Sponsored by Peter Biddulph. Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
Monday December 10 7.45pm	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Eduardo Mata (cond). Anthony Camden (oboe). Roy Jowitt (clarinet). Robert Bourton (bassoon). Hugh Seenan (horn). R Strauss: Don Juan. Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Wind, K.320. Dvořák: Symphony No 7. £8.50, £7.50, £6.50, £5.50, £4, £3.
Wednesday December 12 8.00pm	CHRISTMAS LOLLIPOPS CONCERT. London Concert Orchestra. Fraser Goulding (cond). Anthony Goldstone (piano). Prog incl. Rossini: Ov. 'William Tell'. Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue. J Strauss: Tales from the Vienna Woods. Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance March No 1. Ravel: Boléro. £8, £7, £6, £5, £4. Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
Thursday December 13 7.45pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Arpad Joo (cond). Hai-Kyung Suh (piano). Mozart: Overture 'The Magic Flute'. Rachmaninov: Piano Concert No 3. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 5. £8, £7, £5.50, £4.50, £3.50.
Friday December 14 1.00pm	ENRIQUE PEREZ DE GUZMAN. Piano Recital. Beethoven: Moonlight Sonata, Op 27 No 2. Chopin: Nocturne in B flat minor, Op 9 No 1; Waltz in A flat, Op 42; Waltz in E minor, Op posth; Scherzo No 1 in B minor, Op 20. Rachmaninov: Prelude in C sharp minor, Op 3 No 2; Prelude in B flat, Op 23 No 2. Falla: Ritual Fire Dance. All seats £2.00. John Higham International Artists Ltd.
Friday December 14 7.45pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA. Carl Davis (cond). Ludovic Kennedy (narrator). Royal College of Music Junior Department Chorus. Humperdinck: Overture 'Hansel and Gretel'. Britten: The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. Tchaikovsky: Excerpts from the 'Nutcracker' Ballet. Rimsky-Korsakov: Sheherazade. £8, £7, £5.50, £4.50, £3.50.

Monday 3 Dec at 7.45pm

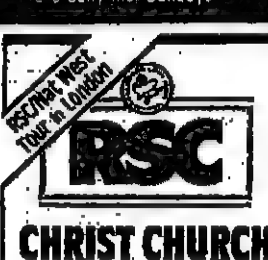
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Overture "Prince Igor"
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Clarinet Concerto in A, K622
(soloist Duncan Prescott)
RACHMANINOV
Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op 27
Conductor Maurice Handford
Admission Free

BACH VESPERS Sun 2 Dec 7pm at St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham St EC2 (nr St Paul's). CANTATA 36 "SCHWINGT FREUDIG EUCH EMPOR". In a Lutheran service. Bach's Concerto in A minor for violin. Lecosaldi Ensemble conducted by Peter Lea-Cox. No admission charge. Collection. Information: 01-769 2677.

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TELEVISION

THE WEEK

Irresistible images: Rita Hayworth as the femme fatale in The Lady from Shanghai

Seduction of a shady character

Films on TV

The trouble with Orson Welles is that no one can forget *Citizen Kane*. Critics continue to vote it the best film ever made and judge every other Welles picture against it; the film industry remembers a commercial flop and an awful warning about letting creative genius have its head.

These twin pressures were already evident when Welles started work on *The Lady From Shanghai* in 1946. The film was made for Harry Cohn at Columbia, an unlikely partnership since Welles had put himself in that mogul's black book by marrying, and thereby diminishing her box office appeal, the studio's brightest asset, Rita Hayworth.

Nevertheless Welles was given the go-ahead as writer, director and star with Rita Hayworth as his leading lady. Shooting proceeded in a piecemeal and often chaotic way in New York City, Mexico, San Francisco and on Errol Flynn's yacht off Acapulco, with Welles continually revising the script as he went along.

The film was finished in 1947. Cohn found the plot incomprehensible and ordered extensive re-cutting. Meanwhile, to add to Welles's troubles, Miss Hayworth sued for divorce. *The Lady From Shanghai* was finally released the following year and died at the box office.

The critics, still expecting masterpieces like *Citizen Kane* and *The Magnificent Ambersons*, fell on the film like a ravenous dog suddenly offered a juicy bone. Richard Winnington found the dialogue so difficult to follow that he suggested the use of sub-titles.

And yet *The Lady From Shanghai* (BBC2, Monday, 6-7.25pm) refuses to be dismissed. Certainly it is no *Citizen Kane*; certainly there are crudities and absurdities. At the same time it is a work of curious power, which repays several viewings.

The plot, far from being unintelligible as Cohn and others made out, is the standard one for a 1940s black thriller of a weak man being seduced by a femme fatale and becoming embroiled in a murder plot. Shades of *Double Indemnity* and a dozen others.

From the moment when Welles's Irish adventurer, Michael O'Hara, has his chance meeting with the mysterious, alluring Hayworth in New York's Central Park, the logic of the film is irrefutable. "When I set out to make a fool of myself," muses O'Hara in voice-over, "there's little enough can stop me".

O'Hara is trapped, both emotionally by his fascination for Hayworth and by his past: he killed a man in Spain during the Civil War. When he is offered 5,000 dollars to take a murder rap, there is no way out. On board the yacht owned by Hayworth's husband, a crippled lawyer, O'Hara uses an anecdote about sharks eating each other as a metaphor for the human drama being played out before him.

The film unfolds in a succession of beguiling images, of New York at night, the hard, bare rocks of Mexico, the stylized ritual of a Chinese theatre and the hall of mirrors at a deserted fairground which provides the setting for a justly celebrated climax.

It is to the benefit of the film that the Welles character for once fails to dominate, leaving space for the enigmatic beauty of Hayworth and a brilliant study in evil by a favourite Welles player, the little, beaky-nosed actor who made his debut as Bernstein in *Citizen Kane*, Everett Sloane.

Peter Waymark

Also recommended
Paradise Alley (1978): Writer-director-star Sylvester Stallone going back to his roots for the story of three wrestling brothers trying to escape from the New York slums (BBC1, Wed, 10.25pm-12.10am).
Let the People Sing (1942): Edward Rigby, Alastair Sim and Fred Emney in a cheerful rendering of J. B. Priestley's novel about the fight to save a village hall (Channel 4, Thurs, 5-7pm).
Cabin in the Sky (1943): Ethel Waters, Lena Horne and Louis Armstrong lead a musical version of the Faust legend (BBC2, Fri, 3.50-5.25pm).
Hell is for Heroes (1962): Steve McQueen as an embittered ex-sergeant faced with a court martial and Bob Newhart supplying comic relief in an arresting Second World War movie directed by Don Siegel (BBC2, Fri, 11.25pm-1am).

Programme choice

ARABELLA: John Cox's Glyndebourne production of the Richard Strauss opera set in Vienna in 1860. It tells how a cavalry officer's daughter finds the right suitor. The American soprano, Ashley Puttnam, is Arabella, with John Bröcheler as Mandryka; Bernard Haitink conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
BBC2, today, 8.30-11.10pm.

PUCCINI: A lavish Italian production of *Turandot*, Puccini's last opera (Channel 4, tomorrow, 1.30-3.45pm) is an appetite-whetter for Tony Palmer's film, which suggests that the opera's bizarre plot may have been inspired by tragic events in the composer's life.
Channel 4, Wed, 9-11.05pm.

MALCOLM McLAREN: Puccini also figures in the career of Malcolm McLaren, former fashion designer and manager of the Sex Pistols, whose single, *Madame Butterfly*, made the British top twenty this year. In this profile of a seminal figure in odern youth culture, McLaren talks about past projects and his new-found interest in opera. There are contributions from Adam An, Steve Jones and Boy George.
The South Bank Show, all ITV regions, tomorrow, 10.30-11.30pm.

HALLS OF FAME: Roy Hudd's nostalgic look at the British variety theatre starts at the Victoria Palace, whose boards have been trodden by music hall greats from Marie Lloyd to Max Miller. Also home of the Crazy Gang and the Black and White Minstrels and known as "the Royal Family's local". Among those leading us down memory lane are Max Bygraves, Chas and Dave and June Whitfield.
BBC1, Tues, 7.25-8.10pm.

A CHURCH FOR ENGLAND?: A timely look at where the Church of England stands on social issues of the day and such doctrinal questions as the resurrection and the virgin birth. Conducted by Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, and Karen Armstrong, who are assisted by the Rt Revd Hugh Montefoire, Bishop of Birmingham; the Revd David Holloway, a leading evangelical Anglican and Maurise Wiles, Professor of Divinity at Oxford UUniversity.
Channel 4, Wed, 11.10pm-12.10am.

THE FRONT LINE: Six-part comedy series by Alex Shearer exploring the relationship between two contrasting black brothers – Malcolm (Paul Barber), who was born in the West Indies and works for a security company, and Sheldon (Alan Igbon) who, though born in Bristol, decides to become a Rastafarian.
BBC1, Thurs, 8-8.30pm.

THE SECRET SERVANT: Gavin Lyall's spy thriller adapted by Brian Clemens. Charles Dance, who came to prominence through *The Jewel in the Crown*, plays SAS Major Harry Maxim, assigned to the Prime Minister's securty staff to look after nuclear strategist Professor John Tyler (Dan O'Herlihy). The story, in three parts is being shown on consecutive nights.
BBC1, Thurs, 9.25-10.20pm.

CONCERTS

RARE ROSTROPOVICH
Today, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 8800)
In his only London appearance this season Mstislav Rostropovich plays cello concertos by Schumann and Boccherini with the English Chamber Orcherstra under Andrew Litton. Mozart's *Don Giovanni* Overture and "Prague" Symphony are also included.

STEPHEN GUTMAN
Today, 7.30pm, Barnet College, Wood Street, Barnet, Hertfordshire (440 6321)
Sonatas by Beethoven (Op 31 No 3) and Liszt begin and end Stephen Gutman's piano recital. He separates them with movements from Ravel's *Miroirs* and *Sonya's Lullaby* by Knussen.

THE LABEQUES
Tomorrow, 3.15 pm, Royal Festival Hall
Marielle and Katia Labèque offer Grainger's Fantasy on Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* and give the UK premiere of Gershwin's own, recently discovered, two-piano version of *An American in Paris*.

BACH VESPERS
Tomorrow, 7 pm, St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (769 2677)
The Lecosaldi Ensemble under Peter Lea-Cox performs Bach's Cantata No 36 *Schwingt freudig euch empor* (for the First Sunday in Advent), the A minor Violin Concerto (soloist, Lorna Osbon) and some chorale preludes.

BEETHOVEN'S MASS
Tomorrow, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall
Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* is performed by the London Philharmonic Choir, Orchestra and soloists under Jesús López-Cobos.

GUITAR ART
Mon, 7.30pm, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 8800)
Timothy Walker (guitar), James Griffett (tenor) and others perform Tippett's *Songs for Achilles*, Reginald Smith Brindle's *Etruscan Preludes*, Walker's own *African Light Suite* and other items in the second concert of the "Art of the Guitar" series.

OSLO PHILHARMONIC
Mon, 7.45pm, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (628 8795, credit cards 638 8891)
Mariss Yansons conducts the Oslo Philharmonic in Berlioz's *Carnaval Romain* Overture and Shostakovich's Symphony No 5. In between, Jens Harald Bratlie solos in Grieg's Piano Concerto.

LONDON BACH
Tues, 7.30pm, St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (222 1061)
Brandenburg Concertos (Nos 1 and 3) and Cantatas (Nos 84 and 140) by J. S. Bach neatly alternate in this programme by the London Bach Choir and Orchestra. George Caird conducts.

WAGNER, BRUCKNER
Tues, 7.30pm, Festival Hall
Jesús López-Cobos bobs up again, this time conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra in Wagner's *Mastersingers* Overture and the original edition of Bruckner's Symphony No 3. In between, Florence Quivar solos in Wagner's *Wesendock Lieder*.

MARKHAM, NETTLE
Wed, 7.30pm, Sutton Place, near Guildford, Surrey (0483) 504455)
With four hands at one piano, David Markham and Richard Nettle play such rarities as George Onslow's Sonata Op 22, York Bowen's Suite Op 71, Frank Bridge's Old English Songs, as well as Walton's *Façade* Suite No 2 and Edward German's *Henry VIII* Dances.

DELIUS'S MASS
Wed, 7.30pm, Royal Festival Hall
Delius's *Mass of Life* is sung (in German) by the BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus and soloists with the BBC Symphony Orchestra

HALLE/GROVES
Thurs, 7.30pm, Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061 834 1712)
John Ogdon solos in Rawsthorne's Piano Concerto No 2 while Sir Charles Groves conducts the Hallé Orchestra in Mozart's "Paris" Symphony and Richard Strauss's *Don Quixote*.

ROGER PRESS
Fri, 7.30pm, Warwick Arts Trust, 33 Warwick Square, London SW1 (580 0309)
Roger Press follows his debut with Haydn's Piano Sonata No 52, Brahms's *Klavierstücke* Op 119, Chopin's Ballade No 4 and Rachmaninov's Corelli Variations.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
Covent Garden, London WC1 (240 1066)
This is the week of John Schlesinger's new *Rosenkavalier*. It will open in the presence of the Queen Mother on Tues (6.30pm) and is the 25th anniversary of the Covent Garden debuts of both Sir Georg Solti, who will conduct, and John Dobson, who repeats the role of the Major Domo. Kiri Te Kanawa is the Marschallin, with Agnes Baltsa as the Octavian and Aage Haugland, Baron Ochs. There will be another performance on Fri (6.30pm). One last performance of *Don Giovanni* on Mon (7pm) with Thomas Allen in the title role.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (836 3161)
Janáček's *The Makropoulos Case* returns to the Coliseum this week (Thurs, 7.30pm) in David Pountney's gripping production. With Richard Armstrong, Pountney's renowned Janáček partner at Welsh National in the pit, it should be a particularly strong run of performances. Josephine Barstow repeats her role as the opera singer Emilia Marty. On Wed and Dec 8 at 7pm, another evening of stimulating theatre with Pountney's Victorian nursery production of Dvořák's *Rusalka*, not to be missed in its last few performances. Eilene Hannan takes the title role and Lionel Friend conducts. Meanwhile, tonight, Tues and Fri at 7pm *Così fan tutte* continues with Felicity Lott and Jean Rigby as Fiordiligi and Dorabella.

OPERA 80
Two new productions touring the country this year: a glitzy, witty update of Rossini's *Italian Girl in Algiers* with the orchestra, under the company's music director David Parry, turning in some fine Rossini playing; and an interesting, if less entirely successful experiment with Verdi's *A Masked Ball*, set in the United States of Reagan and *Dynasty*. This week the company is at Scunthorpe's Civic Theatre (0724 840883) on Mon *(Ital)*, Tues *(Ball)* and Wed *(Ital)*, moving on to Chesterfield's Pomegranate Theatre (0246 32901) on Fri *(Ital)* and Sat *(Ball)*. All performances start at 7.30 pm.

Notes from the nursery: Eilene Hannan in Dvořák's Rusalka

OPERA EAST
A shoestring *Carmen*, produced by Michael Rennison, in which Fate had a large part to play, is being presented by a travelling troupe of 12 young singers and players. This week their tour winds down as they play Worthing, Pavilion (0903 39999) on Mon; Royal Spa Centre, Leamington (0926 34418) on Tues, Bury St Edmund, Theatre Royal (0284 69505) on Thurs and Horsham, Christ's Hospital Arts Centre (0403 52709) on Dec 8. All performances start at 7.30 pm.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA
Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (580 9562)
As WNO's season's repertoire comes to London, the week begins and ends with two performances (Tues and Dec 8) of Ruth Berghaus's controversial new staging of *Don Giovanni* with William Shimell in the title role. Two strong Czech works provide the main focus: on Fri the Pountney/Armstrong performance of Janácek's Dostoevsky opera *From the House of the Dead*; and on Wed the London premiere of Martinu's *The Greek Passion*, with Phyllis Cannan as Katerina. *La Bohème* takes to the stage on Thurs in an affectionate production by Göran Järvefelt, and with Helen Field and Arthur Davies as the Mimi and Rodolfo. All performances start at 7.30pm. There will be pre-performance talks each evening between 6.30-7pm in the circle bar, free to ticket holders.

DANCE

LONDON CONTEMPORARY
Sadler's Wells (278 8916). Today and Tues, Dec 8 at 7.30pm
Today is the last chance to see the programme with Richard Alston's *Doublework*, Robert Cohan's *Agora* and Tom Jobe's *Rite Electrik*. For the season's third and final week from Tues, the programme is Cohan's *No Man's Land*, Paul Taylor's *Esplanade* to a Bach score, and Siobhan Davies's *Free Setting*.

ROYAL BALLET
Covent Garden (240 1066). Today at 8pm, Thurs at 7.30pm
David Bintley's *Young Apollo* has its final performance of the present run today, with *Raymonda Act III* and MacMillan's *Elite Syncopations*. Lesley Collier and Wayne Eagling dance *Swan Lake* on Thurs.

JANET SMITH
The Place, Dukes Road, Euston (387 0031). Today and Sun at 8pm
Four members of Janet Smith's company will show their own works in this programme, together with Robert North's *Miniatures* to music by Stravinsky.

ON TOUR
Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet is at the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, (0323-36363) today at 2.30 and 7.30pm, then at the Gaumont, Southampton, (0703-29771) Mon-Sat at 7.30pm, matinées Wed at 2pm, Dec 8 at 2.30pm. *The Sleeping Beauty* runs Mon-Thurs; today, Fri and Dec 8, the bill includes Ashton's *The Dream* and *Façade*. **Festival Ballet** at the Bristol Hippodrome (0272-299444) gives *The Nutcracker* today and Mon-Wed, then a mixed bill including the virtuoso marathon *Etudes* and the production of Alvin Alley's *Night Creature*, to Duke Ellington's music.

Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Dance: John Percival

THE WEEK

Radio

YOU, THE JURY: Dick Taverne, the programme's first chairman, returns after 10 years for the start of a new series. The motion for the first debate, that "men are just as much in need of liberation as women" is proposed by Hilary Rose, Professor of Social Sciences at Bradford University and opposed by Professor Hans Eysenck. As usual, the studio jury will vote both before and after hearing the arguments.
Radio 4, today, 10.15-11pm.

MASTER'S INDIA: The ambitious drama series based on the Indian novels of John Masters reaches the third book, *The Lotus and the Wind*. It opens with Robin Savage, now 24 and a lieutenant in the army, still suffering the effects of the mutiny and in love with Anne Hildreth, daughter of the new commander of Peshawar. William Nighy plays Robin, Juliet Stevenson is Anne and Nicky Henson is Robin's rival in love.
Radio 4, tomorrow, 9.02-10pm.

EDUCATION NOW: A series of five phone-ins, Mon to Fri, in which education experts will answer questions from listeners. The topics covered include the new 16-plus examination, parent power, children with special needs and training for a career. The programmes are on Radio 4, VHF each day from 2-2.30pm. The number to call to put questions is 01-580 4411, while after the programmes an advice service will be available on 01-993 0366.

AYCKBOURN PROFILED: Alan Ayckbourn, probably the most popular dramatist in Britain, this year celebrates his silver jubilee in the theatre. His first play, *The Square Cat*, had its premiere in Scarborough in 1959 and he has since written 30 more, including *Relatively Speaking, The Norman Conquests* and *Bedroom Farce*. In a *Kaleidoscope* profile, the critic Paul Allen talks to Ayckbourn, Sir Peter Hall and actors Richard Briers and Penelope Keith.
Radio 4, Wed 9.45-10.15pm.

THE STATE OF THE NATION: The final two programmes in the series, both on England, are presented by Brian Redhead. He will be looking particularly at the impact of the recession on English society and among those giving their views are Lord Scarman, the Bishop of Liverpool (David Sheppard), the poet Norman Nicholson and the comedian Les Dawson.
Radio 4, Thurs, 7.40-9pm; the second programme is on Dec 13.

Auctions

DES RES FOR DOLLS: A huge dolls' house which took its maker, Thomas Batty, 25 years to complete and furnish with miniature antiques is expected to make more than £5,000 in a sale of dolls and related materials on Wednesday.
Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 6602). Viewing Tues 9am-5pm, Wed 9-11am. Sale Wed noon.

CHINESE CERAMICS: Next to impressionists, these are the biggest money-pullers in the art market, so Chinese ceramics are also on offer this week, with the big spenders in town for the Impressionist sales. Christie's has the Piccus collection of important Annamese bronzes for sale at 11am on Friday, and "Fine and Early Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art" follows at 12.15 and 2.30pm. Viewing Wed and Thurs 9am to 4.30pm Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (839-9060).



Collectors' cache: Picasso's *La Gomeuse* (detail, left); *Vase d'Amaryllis* by Matisse and *Liebespaar (Mann und Frau) I* (detail, right) by Egon Schiele

Rich impressions: It's the week that the London auction rooms pull out all the stops to attract the big spenders to their sales of Impressionist and modern pictures. There is more serious money in this field than any other and prices are expected to top the million mark with important works by Picasso, Modigliani, Egon Schiele and others.

All auctions are on view from Monday in addition to a special afternoon view at all three houses tomorrow and this morning at Phillips. The sales are as follows.

Monday: Impressionist and Modern paintings, Phillips, 2.30pm; Impressionist and Modern paintings and sculpture, Christie's, 6.30pm.
Tuesday: Impressionist and Modern watercolours and drawings, Christie's, 10.30am;
Impressionist and Modern watercolours and sculpture, Christie's, 2.15pm; Contemporary art, Christie's, 4pm; Impressionist and Modern paintings and sculpture, Sotheby's, 7pm.
Wednesday: Impressionist and Modern paintings and sculpture, Sotheby's, 11am; Impressionist and Modern drawings and watercolours, Sotheby's, 2.30pm.
Thursday: Post-War and Contemporary art, Sotheby's, 10.30am.
Phillips, 7 Blenheim Street, London W1 (629 6602); Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (839 9060); Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (493 8080).

Sport

SNOOKER CLIMAX: The final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship is being contested over 31 frames today and tomorrow at the Guildhall in Preston. Last year it went the whole way, with Alex Higgins eventually pipping Steve Davis 16-15. There is television coverage throughout the day, starting in *Grandstand*, BBC1, at 1.10pm, continuing on BBC2 at 5.20-7pm and returning to BBC1 at 10.20-10.50pm and 11.40pm-12.55am. Tomorrow's coverage is on BBC1, 2.25-5.55pm, 8.35-9.05pm and 10.55pm-12.30am.

IN THE RING: The unbeaten British heavyweight Funso Banjo takes on Marvis Frazier, son of Joe and a year ago trying unsuccessfully to take the world title from Larry Holmes. On the same bill at Alexandra Pavilion, London, Pat Cowdell, European super-featherweight champion, meets American Kevin Seabrook.
ITV, Wed, 10.40-11.40pm.

Other events

ROYAL SMITHFIELD SHOW: the annual display of farm animals and the latest in agricultural machinery, spread over more than 300 stands. Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5. Mon-Thurs, *9am-7pm.,Admission Mon-Wed* £6, Thurs £3.

BOOKS GALORE: Two Bloomsbury hotels are holding book fairs. The monthly Provincial Booksellers' Fair is at the Russell Hotel, Russell Square, London WC1, tomorrow 2-7pm and Mon 10.30am-7pm, with 110 exhibitors. Information: 449 9457. The National Bookfair is at the Royal National Hotel, Bedford Way, WC1 on Mon 11am-8pm and Tues 10am-7pm and has 50 exhibitors. Information: 0803 865381.

JEWELLERY '84: Exhibition of work by 24 British jewellers, including Jackie Mina, Catherine Mannheim, Joel Degen and Sarah Fitzalan Howard. The 200 pieces on display include enamels, precious stones and silversmithing and prices range from £10 to £400. Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (693 5254). Opens Wed. Gallery open Tues-Sat 10am-1pm, 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Admission 60p, concessions 30p. Until Dec 21.

MEMORIES OF THE EAST: Exhibition of early Islamic art, including ceramics, glass, metalwork, manuscripts and woodwork, from the Seljuk period of the 12th century to the Ottoman period of the 18th century. Momtaz Gallery, 42 Pembridge Road, London W11 (229 5579). Opens Thurs. Gallery open Mon-Fri 10am-6pm and Sat 10.30am-4.30pm. Until Dec 20.

W.S.GRAHAM: Harold Pinter, Ruth Rosen and Geoffrey Godbert read the works of one of Britain's most distinguished living poets in an event organized by the Poetry Society. The artists are giving their services free for Mr Graham, who is recovering from surgery. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (748 3354). Fri at 10pm. Tickets £2.50.

NATIONAL CAT CLUB SHOW: Claimed to be the world's largest cat show with more than 2,000 cats and kittens, both pedigree and pets, on display. A new feature this year is a competition for champion cat.
National Hall, Olympia, London W14. Sat Dec 8, 10.30am-5.30pm. Adults £2, children £1.

THEATRE

In preview

THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE AGED 13¾: The West End premiere of Sue Townsend's best-selling book. It has been partly re-cast, but Adrian is still played by 16-year old Simon Schatzberger. Mandy Travis and Nigel Bennett are his parents. Graham Watkins directs, and the music and lyrics are by Ken Howard and Alan Blaikley.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (836 3028) Previews: Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5 and 8.15pm; matinees Wed at 3pm: Opens Dec 12 at 7pm (no matinee Dec 12).

Openings

THE HUMAN VOICE: By Jean Cocteau. Susannah York in her own translation of a play written for Berthe Bovy at the Comedie Française in 1930. As seen this year at Bromley, New York and at the *Edinburgh* Festival. This is the final production at the Gate at the Latchmere.
The Gate at the Latchmere, 503 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (228 2620). Opens: Mon at 7pm, until Dec 15, Tues-Sat at 8pm.



Man at arms: Coriolanus with Ian McKellen

BOZZY: David McKail portrays James Boswell in Frederic Mohr's one man play, a study of Dr Johnson's biographer, complete with bawdy recollections. Award-winner at Edinburgh Festival 1981. Directed by John Carnegie.
Old Red Lion, St John Street, EC1 (837 7816). Opens Tues at 8pm, until Dec 22, Tues-Sun at 8pm.

THE CARRIER FREQUENCY: A collaboration between novelist Russell Hoban and Impact Theatre Co-operative. The setting is a 1,000 *gallon pool of water*. "*Fragments of* sound, messages from a radio station of despair, echo in this drowned world where people live with new fears and obsessions." Pete Brooks directs Heather Ackroyd, Niki Johnson, Claire MacDonald, Richard Hawley, Graeme Miller, Steve Shill. Original music by Miller and Shill.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (930 3647). Preview Tues at 8pm; Press Night Wed at 7pm. Until Dec 22, Tues-Sun at 8pm.

SESSIONS WITH FRENCH & SAUNDERS: Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders, plus John Sessions, in a double-bill of new comedy cabaret.
Kings Head Theatre Club, 115 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 (226 1916). Opens Mon at 8pm (dinner at 7pm). Until Dec 15, Mon-Sat at 8pm (dinner at 7pm).

THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES: devised by the Burnt Bridges Company with director Penny Cherns, writer Tamara Griffiths and composer Lindsay Cooper, this new show looks at three waitresses considering the state of the world. Live music and choreography back up dialogue from the all-woman company.
The Place, 17 Dukes Road, London WC1 (387 0031). First showings, Tues and Wed at 8pm. Moves to Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (568 1176) from Thurs to Dec 8; 8pm each night.

CORIOLANUS: Sir Peter Hall directs Ian McKellen in the title role, with Irene Worth as Volumnia, and a company including Geoffrey Burridge, Basil Henson, Greg Hicks, *Wendy Morgan*, Judith Paris, Barrie Rutter, David Ryall; John Savident and Frederick Treves. There are 90 seats on stage, as "part of the action".
Olivier (928 2252). Previews Today, Mon-Wed at 7.15pm; Fri at 7.15pm. Press Night Dec 15. In repertory.

Keeping faith with Kipling

The cast for *Jungle Book*, which opens at the Adelphi Theatre on Tuesday, have spent a lot of rehearsal time in the past four weeks learning how to walk on all fours and coordinate their "front" and "back" legs, and such unhuman activities as how *monkeys groom each other*.

In this adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*, the emphasis is on Kipling's story telling, conjuring up the atmosphere of the jungle through the language, rather than having actors dressed up in elaborate animal costumes in an attempt to have the audience believe they actually are animals. Leading the cast are Fenella Fielding as the sinuous and cunning Kaa, the rock python, and Jeremy Sinden, whose roles include the fat old bear Baloo, friend and teacher of little Mowgli.

The stories have been adapted by John Hartoch, who directs the production as well. He had the idea for the play after seeing Walt Disney's film. "I had been brought up on Kipling, and love it, and was disappointed with the film. It was entertaining, but I thought it cheapened the stories. I have tried to be faithful to Kipling, but in a style for the 1980s."

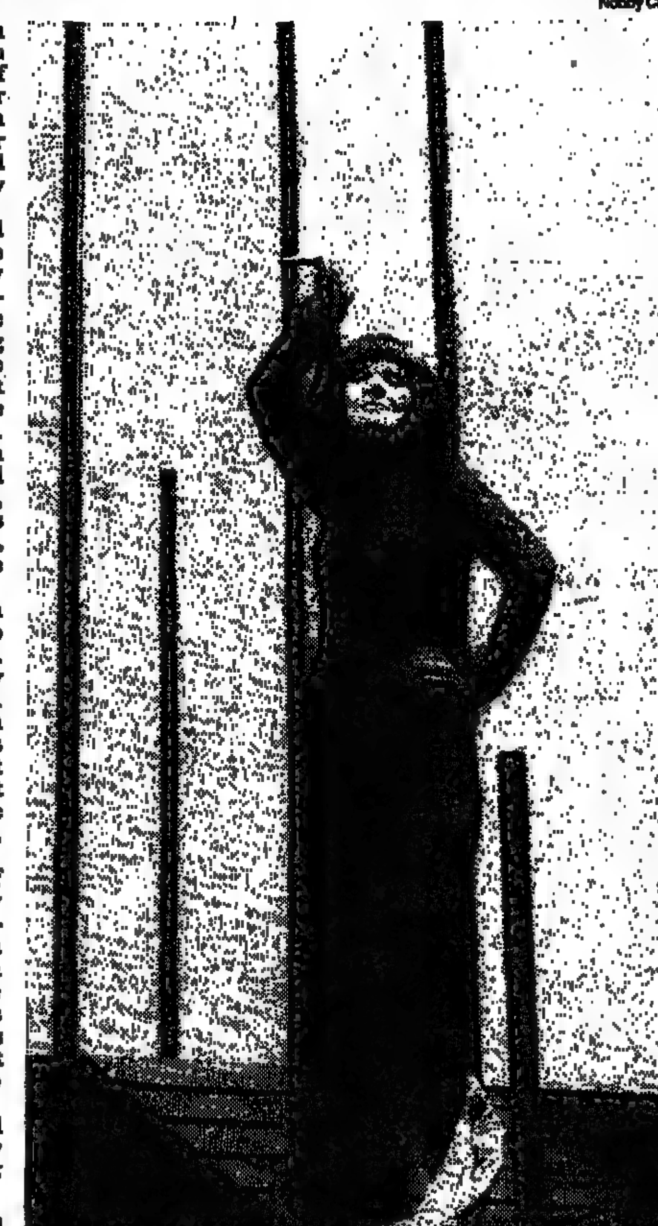
He believes that the use of elaborate costumes and heavy masks limit an actor's performance, and experimented with a group of students to find a different way to present the stories. His adaptation began as a short children's show and was then expanded and put on last year at the New Vic's studio theatre in Bristol.

This is the first professional production, staged by Geoffrey Buckley and designed by Liz Fjelle.

Christoper Warman

Jungle Book, Adelphi (836 7611). Opens Tues until Jan 26. Mon-Sat at 7pm, matinées Wed and Sat 3pm

Nobby Clark



Snake charmer: Fenella Fielding as Kaa in Jungle Book

Selected

BREAKING THE SILENCE
The Pit (628 8795). Today at 2 and 7.30pm. Mon and Tues at 7.30pm. In repertory
Inspired by his own ancestors' history, Stephen Poliakoff's subtle, complex new play watches an aristocratic Russian family adapt to post-1917 upheaval, hardship and finally exile. With Daniel Massey and Gemma Jones.

FORTY YEARS ON
Queen's Theatre (734 1166). Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5 and 8.15pm; matinees Wed at 3pm
Transferred from Chichester, Alan Bennett's witty and nostalgic pageant of Britain from the 1900s to the 1960s, rich in wickedly funny parodies and presented as a boys' public school play, with all that entails. Paul Eddington makes a dotty yet dignified headmaster.

HENRY VIII
Barbican (628 8795/638 8891). Fri at 7.30pm
The RSC's insolently Brechtian production has real flair and gives an interesting new shape to this usually unadmired play.

TWO INTO ONE
Shaftesbury (379 5399). Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30 and 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm
Donald Sinden and Michael Williams, both on their best form, in Ray Cooney's riotous farce of marital misunderstanding involving a philandering politician caught *in flagrante* in a Westminster hotel.

TWO PLANKS AND A PASSION
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (858 7755). Until Dec 15, Mon-Sat at 7.45pm; matinees Sat at 2.30pm
A subtle, original play on an epic scale that combines the beauty of the York Mystery Plays, the grandeur of Richard II's official visit, tragedy in his private life, broad comedy as snobbish locals vie to honour him – and a great deal more.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD
Haymarket (930 9832). Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinées Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 3pm
Maggie Smith at her scintillating best heads a starry cast (with John Moffatt and Joan Plowright especially delightful) in William Gaskill's beautifully staged, though rather bland, production of Congreve's high comedy.

Out of Town

LEICESTER: Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539 797). Me and My Girl by Noel Gay. Until Dec 4 Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm; matinée Sat at 4.30pm; From Dec 5 to Jan 26: Mon, Tues, Thurs at 7.30pm, Wed, Fri, Sat at 8pm; matinées Wed and Sat at 4.30pm, also on Dec 27, 28 at 4.30pm
The first professional production for 35 years of a musical which had a record-breaking run from 1937, *and has since become an amateur* company classic. Songs include "The Lambeth Walk", "Leaning On a Lamp-Post", "Once You Lose Your Heart" and the title song. The cast includes Robert Lindsay and Emma Thompson, Frank Thornton, Richard Caldicot, Robert Longden and Susannah Sellows, directed by Mike Ockrent.

OLDHAM: Coliseum, Fairbottom Street (061 624 2829). Red Riding Hood by Kenneth Alan Taylor. Until Jan 12, times vary. Until Dec 22: Mon-Sat at 2.30pm (not Dec 21); Thurs-Sat at 7.30pm (not Dec 20); also Dec 10-12, 17-20 at 10am
Traditional pantomime with slapstick, music, etc; specifically avoiding star names and variety acts to make this a show for the family.



Dotty dignity: Paul Eddington as the head in Forty Years On

ROCK & JAZZ

SPANDAU BALLET.
Tonight, Maysfield Leisure Centre, Belfast (0232 241633); Tues-Sun, Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex (902 1234)
From the caped and kilted New Romantics of "To Cut a Long Story Short" to the besuited and barbered smoothies of their recent recordings would be too great a step for any but the most dedicated poseurs. Of their competitors, only the Wham boys mirror so accurately the curious condition of young Britain.

PAUL YOUNG
Tonight, Newcastle City Hall (0632 612606); Mon, Manchester Apollo (061 273 1112); Tues, Liverpool Empire (051 709 1555); Wed, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 2016); Fri, Cornwall Coliseum, St Austell (072681 4004)
His concerts hardly rival the finesse of his records, but they do present an opportunity to admire the playing of his excellent band.

STYLE COUNCIL.
Tonight, Winter Gardens, Margate (0843 292795); Mon and Tues, Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (589 8212)
For all their chart success, Paul Weller and Mick Talbot have yet to demonstrate an ability to reshape their influences into convincingly soulful music.

NIK KERSHAW
Mon and Tues, Ipswich Gaumont (0473 53641); Wed, Brighton Centre (0273 202881); Thurs, Bournemouth Centre (0202 96646)
Pop music for shopping centres.

KOOL & THE GANG
Mon and Tues, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590); Wed, Manchester Apollo (061 273 1112); Fri, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 2016)
Disco music for shopping centres – although quite recently in their lengthy history, with "Too Hot", "Jones vs Jones" and "Take My Heart", they had more to offer.

BILLY ECKSTINE
Tonight and Mon–Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 0747)
A rare British appearance by the inventor of the "Mr B" rolled button-down shirt collar, the man whose mid-Forties big band included Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker (not to mention Fats Navarro and Art Blakey), the boss of the bebop baritones and – probably the achievement for which he is most widely known – the partner of Sarah Vaughan on "Passing Strangers", a hit in 1957.

KEITH TIPPETT
Tomorrow, Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol (0272 299191)
None of the American heavyweight solo performers – including Cecil Taylor and Keith Jarrett – has made more stimulating discoveries than Tippett, who returns home to Bristol for a recital which should display his ability to make the very air vibrate in sympathy with wood and wire.

PETER KING QUINTET
Tues, Third Eye Centre, Glasgow (041 332 7521); Thurs, Cummings Hotel, Inverness (0463 232531); Fri, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031 668 2117)
Britain's finest bebop alto saxophonist takes his quintet – including the superb trumpeter Henry Lowther – on a short our of Scotland.

UB40
Wed and Thurs, Barrowlands, Glasgow (041 522 4601); Fri, Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590)
Last year's album of cover versions – "Red Red Wine", "Many Rivers to Cross" and so on – provided a welcome change of pace. In the meantime, will they have modified their rather wearing white-reggae style?

ALISON MOYET
Wed and Thurs, Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4081)
The big, soulful voice of Yazoo's "Don't Go" and "Only You" is enjoying a solo hit with the excellent "All Cried Out" as part of a campaign to turn her into the female counterpart of Paul Young.

THE CLASH
Thurs and Fri, The Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (274 1525)
All mouth and bondage trousers, Joe Strummer and Paul Simonon – the sole surviving founder members – raise the tattered standard of agit-prop punk.

The Week compiled by Peter Waymark; Theatre: Anthony Masters; Rock & Jazz Richard Williams

FILMS

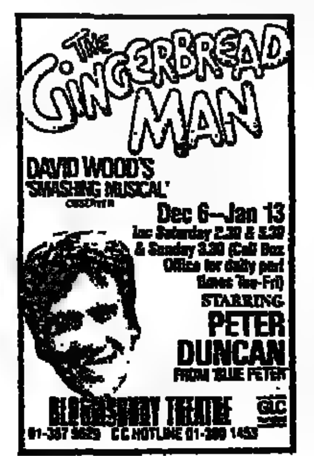
Openings

THE THIEF OF BAGDAD
Dominion Theatre (580 9563)
Douglas Fairbanks leaps through some of the most amazing decor in Hollywood history in this invigorating adventure, directed in 1924 by Raoul Walsh, presented with live musical accompaniment by Carl Davis (conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra). Part of the London Film Festival; sponsored by Thames Television.
Today at 7.15pm.
Tomorrow at 3pm and 7.15pm.

Selected

THE KILLING FIELDS (15)
Warner West End (439 0791)
Britain's lavish entry into the blockbuster war-movie arena, produced by David Puttnam, directed by television veteran Roland Joffé. Sam Waterston stars as the American journalist covering the Cambodian war; fairly impressive in spurts.

A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15)
Odeon Haymarket (930 2738)
Alan Bennett's first cinema script offers the riotous, rude post-war tale of a Yorkshire chiropodist, a wife with social pretentions, and a pig with no social sense at all. Directed by Malcolm Mowbray, with a glorious cast: Michael Palin, Maggie Smith and Denholm Elliott.



FULL MOON IN PARIS (15)
Chelsea Cinema (351 3742)
Camden Plaza (485 2443)
Eric Rohmer's spare, elegant study of a girl trying to keep her men *and* her independence, with an enchanting performance from Pascale Ogier who died suddenly in October aged 24.

LE BAL (PG)
Lumière (836 0691), Gate Notting Hill (221 0220/727 5750)
Four decades of social and political history, portrayed in mime, with a single ballroom set and constantly changing dance styles. Ettore Scola's award-winning film was adapted from the Théâtre du Campagnol's famous stage production; diverting, novel, and a touch hollow.

A CHRISTMAS STORY (PG)
Plaza (437 1234)
The latest film by Bob Clark, director of *Porky's*, is an unexpected delight; a recreation of a small-town Christmas in the 1940s, seen through the eyes of a grave nine-year-old. Based on material by the humorist Jean Shepherd, full of bizarre details, and beautifully played by Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin and Melinda Dillon.

THE BROTHER FROM ANOTHER PLANET (15)
Classic Oxford Street (636 0310)
Joyous send-up by maverick director John Sayles of all those science-fiction movies about strangers from outer space trying to understand earthly civilization – in this case, Harlem. With Joe Morton as the black extra-terrestrial.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION (15)
ABC Fulham Road (370 2636)
Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148)
Black humorist Paul Bartel (*Eating Raoul*) turns his hand to the scandal press in another irreverent look at contemporary America. Nancy Allen as the ambitious reporter leading a double life.

Never mind the quality, feel the advance promotion

Financiers, distributors and cinema managers may rub their hands over the impending British release of *Gremlins* and *Ghostbusters*, but the critics can only twiddle their thumbs. These films make us redundant; whatever we say, audiences will flock to them, primed by months of publicity from America, and the knowledge that *Ghostbusters* has become Columbia's biggest box-office success. American critics were no better off when the films first opened in June, for both had been garlanded with carefully orchestrated promotion campaigns, not to mention spin-off merchandise.

In *Gremlins* small, furry, but not entirely loveable creatures run amok in a cosy little town. The film marks Steven Spielberg's return to *E.T.* territory, though he functions only as an executive producer; the director is Joe Dante, previously responsible for *The Howling* and part of *Twilight Zone – The Movie*. When *E.T.* opened in America, the licensed merchandisers were caught napping; here, they leaped into action months before the film was even complete, supplying wholesalers in advance with toys, watches, video games, beach towels, lunch boxes and greetings cards exploiting the likenesses of Gizmo the Mogwai and his sinister pals. They contrived to achieve this, moreover, without letting slip to the world what the creatures looked like, for fear of piracy. But there was piracy anyway.

If you buy a *Gremlins* key chain, cap, or lapel button, you may be acquiring unauthorized merchandise made in the Far East.

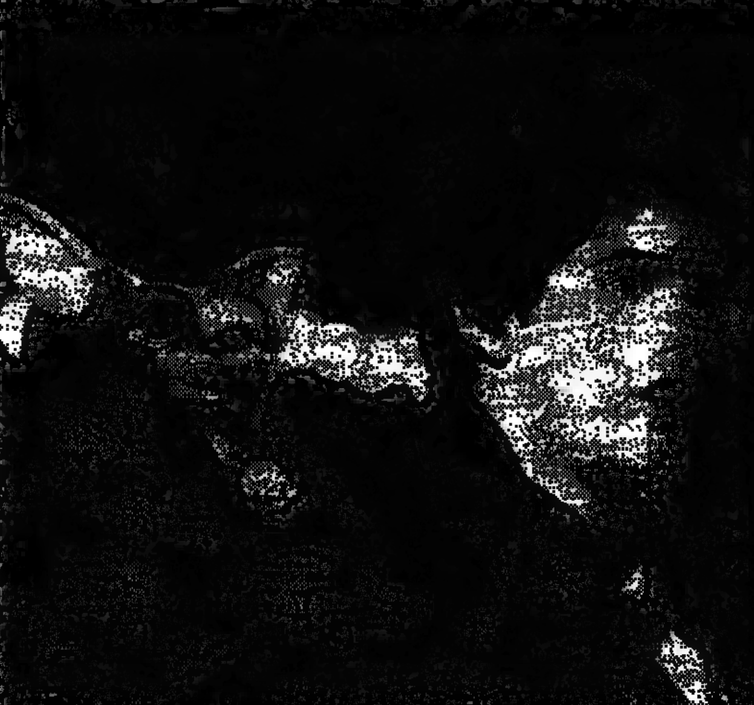
In the case of *Ghostbusters* – a supernatural spoof from the rowdy comedy team of Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and director Ivan Reitman – the June release was preceded by a cryptic but devastating advertising campaign. In newspapers and television commercial spots, there appeared an unidentified logo, featuring a harried-looking ghost poking out of a red circle. No film title was mentioned, only the slogan "Coming to Save the World this Summer". Whether *Ghostbusters* saved the world remains open to argument, but its instant success certainly saved Columbia. With current box-office receipts totalling more than $62m, they will even be able to shoulder the poor performance of their Somerset Maugham adaptation, *The Razor's Edge*, which Bill Murray insisted on making as his price for appearing in *Ghostbusters*.

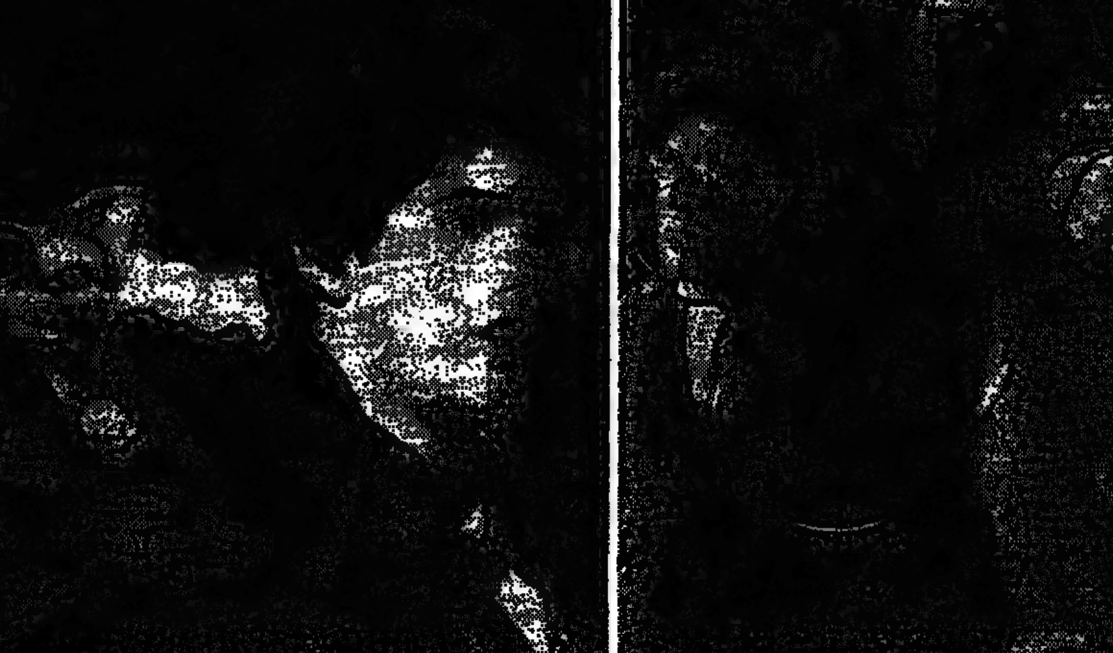
But the merchandise and promotional gambits cannot compare with the films themselves. Both are perfect industry commodities; both are machines for yanking audiences from comedy to horror, from one splurge of special effects to another. *Ghostbusters* confidently ate up a budget of some $30m in its presentation of supernatural forces unleashed on Manhattan. No expense or expertise was spared in putting *Gremlins'* furry creatures through their paces, either. Some audiences, however, have found thosse paces too horific for family viewing, which may go some way to explain why *Gremlins* has chalked up less American business than its team-mate.

Well, that's my thumb-twiddling done. The rest is up to you.

Geoff Brown

Gremlins (15) opens in London on Fir at the Warner West End (439 0791), ABC Fulham Road (370 2110), ABC Bayswater (2296620), ABC Edgware Road (723 5901). *Ghostbusters* (PG) opens the same day at the Odeon Leicester Square (930 6111), Odeon Swiss Cottage (586 3057), Odeon Kensington (602 6644), Classic Chelsea (352 5096).





Spooky pair: Gizmo the Gremlin (left) with Billy (Zach Galligan) and Ghostbuster Spengler (Harold Ramis) wearing a haunted look

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Ebullient Kalms must work with the Currys

Mr Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, was in ebullient form yesterday when his bid for Currys went unconditional. "It's a great day for us," he rhapsodized," and the last thing I want now is blood on the boardroom carpet. We want to meet the Curry family, and to start applying the Dixons formula. We're both retailers, we speak the same language, and can do dramatically well together. Let's forget about the rows."

According to Mr Kalms, who realizes a boyhood dream with Dixons' £250 million purchase of Currys, the first thing he wants to do with Currys is to review the buying procedures, and develop the product range. "The High Street can look forward to the rejuvenation of an old friend, He said, addig that Dixons' trading in the run-up to Christmas was shooting ahead.

At Morgan Grenfell, Mr Roger Seelig conceded that it was a very close run thing. The bid was declared unconditional around noon, and by 3 pm, Dixons had received 51.44 per cent of valid acceptances. Yesterday morning's postbag had brought some withdrawals. The percentages were very tight.

Six hours after the bid went unconditional. Currys' board had still not conceded defeat. Mr Terry Curry was locked in a boardroom meeting and could not be disturbed.

The size of the Curry family holding has been variously estimated at 30-40 per cent. Working off the lower figure meant that Dixons needed to win 70 per cent acceptances from the remaining shareholders to win control. Dixon's victory stemmed from a combination of hard pounding and institutional support. The Curry family's hostility never wavered throughout the bid. The virtue of the SG Warburg defence lay in securing a takeover price far closer to the underlying value of the assets, and more than double the pre-bid price in the market.

Effectively the institutions collectively have now put a top management team in contact with high quality retail assets. The new group is formidable, with pro forma sales and assets of £750 million and £50 million respectively. Minimum, if any, earnings dilution should flow from the deal.

Though the City has made its perception of Dixons' improved quality of earnings clear – the Dixons share price has risen throughout the deal – the final conclusion may be a little farther off. It is possible that the Curry family, if it accepts Dixons' paper, will play a powerful role since it could end up with around 12 per cent. Persistent rumours have surfaced throughout the bid of a white knight in the wings, and assuming that the Curry stake is homogenous, then Mr Kalms and his team starts operating with a large Trojan horse.

VAT on buildings a racing certainty

The debate on extending value added tax coverage is now in full swing. Everyone expects the Chancellor to do something evil in his next Budget, whether it be to books, newspapers, children's clothes, food or any of the other products which are now zero-rated.

In September, the European Commission announced that it was pursuing a legal challenge to Britain's zero-ratings on new non-residential construction, newspaper advertisements and news services, certain water and sewerage supplies, animal feedstuffs, fuel and power supplies to industry, and industrial protective helmets and boots.

The Chancellor and his Treasury colleagues have repeatedly declared their aim of shifting the taxation burden from taxes on earnings to taxes on spending. The image is of Mr Nigel Lawson and the Eurocrats in Brussels forming an irresistible alliance to root out Britain's pockets of VAT exemption.

An alternative interpretation is provided by Mr Jamie Stevenson, formerly economics director of the Building Employers' Confederation and recently recruited by the stockbrokers Savory Milln as a building analyst. Mr Stevenson says that while the Chancellor would like to have widened the VAT net to cover non-residential construction in the next Budget, he is now committed to fighting the Commission in the European Court of Justice.

The outcome, he predicts, will be a victory for the Commission, and a ruling that Britain must comply with the EEC Sixth Directive on VAT.

Given that the court case is likely to take two years, implementation would not be possible until March 1987.

The building industry could benefit from such a delay through a short-term building boom. Funds and developers would bring forward plans against the certainty of VAT in 1987.

The Treasury does not see things in the same way. It argues that there is no inconsistency between defending the general principle of zero-rating for certain products in Britain, and at the same time reducing the list of products outside the VAT net.

Non-residential new construction has always been a curious exemption. Mr Lawson tackled the politically difficult area of home improvements and extensions in his last Budget. He is unlikely to touch the politically explosive area of VAT on new homes. VAT on non-residential new construction therefore looks a racing certainty, despite Mr Stevenson's two-year delay scenario, for the March Budget.

Great and universal

Sir Isaac Wolfson built a retailing empire which without a hint of modesty he called Great Universal Stores. He is a legendary figure who, save briefly in the early days, did not court personal publicity. His son, Sir Leonard, who now directs GUS's fortunes, is also a private man, preferring to let the light of publicity fall on the business and not on himself. There is a third man, Mr Harold Bowman, who for 20 years, has had the delicate job of striking the right balance between Isaac's and Leonard's preference for privacy and the pressing interest of newspapers in the mighty GUS. His success in drawing the dividing lines has been remarkable: a model in an unusually difficult area of corporate public relations.

In the course of 20 years Harold Bowman has got to know personally more financial editors and reporters than any other company director in Britain. If they can write a story about him, he could write a book about them. This evening, for the sixteenth time, Harold and his courageous wife Dene will give their annual Christmas cocktail party for their Fleet Street friends and guests from business and the City.

It is the only gathering of its kind – uniquely composed and for that reason, a tribute to a rare man.

Volcker fears US deficit will provoke trade war

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, has issued a strong warning that the mounting American trade deficit is creating an unsustainable level of protectionism which will be matched by tough retaliation abroad.

"We have serious problems with the trade deficit. We cannot count indefiniately on the capital inflow from abroad we must have when we import more goods and services than we export," Mr Volcker said in New York.

His remarks were released as European and American officials tried to head off a new trade war over American efforts to ban EEC steel pipe exports and the Reagan Administration announced that the US trade deficit is a record $105.5 billion (£88 billion) for the first 10 months of the year.

Last month, the trade deficit narrowed significantly to $9.18 billion from $12.64 billion in September but Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US commerce secretary, predicted yesterday that the dificit for the year would total $130 billion, almost double last year's dificit of $69 billion.

Compounding the gloomy trade picture was a report by a group of industry representatives that US companies are taking advantage of changes in the law to seek more and earlier trade protection from imports.

The new trade law passed by Congress last month, coupled with recent decisions by the US International Trade Commission, has equipped American companies with new tools to fight imports by claiming injury from dumping both in mature industries and new high technology industries, officials said.

Mr Volcker said that unless Congress and the Reagan Administration find ways to resist "already strong pressures for protection" he fears swift retaliation from abroad in a development which would exacerbate international tensions.


Paul Volcker: unsustainable level of protectionism

However, the Reagan Administration has indicated, both in its decision to ban exports of steel pipes after terminating talks with Europeans and in its recent comments at a meeting on the general agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT) that it plans a new "get tough" policy on trade in Mr Reagan's second term.

However, Wall street was falling for the second day running yesterday, largely on surprise at the bigger-than-expected increase in US money supply. This served to keep many investors away from the market and trading lighter than usual.

Low volume also characterized the London stock market, where the FT 30-share index fell another 8.5 to 917.3, making a two-day fall of 11.9 from the all-time peak of 929.2.

The pound's dip below $1.20 against the dollar dented sentiment, but the main influence yet again was British Telecom. The uncertainty ahead of this weekend's official announcement of BT share allocations deterred dealers from committing themselves.

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Martin in bid talks

R. P. Martin, the Anglo-West German money brokers, last night announced that talks were taking place involving the management which might lead to a bid being made for the firm.

The shares, strong this week, jumped to 375p, a two-day gain of 85p. Market traders are divided in speculation. Some say that a management buyout could be on the way from the German directors. Three years ago Martin merged with Bierbaum where directors now control more than 50 per cent of the company.

Others suggest that the California-based bank, Security Pacific, is keen to take a 10 per cent stake.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1181.3 down 6.6 (high. 1186 5, low 1178.7)
FT Index: 917.3 down 8 5
FT Gilts: 83.0 down 0.12
FT All Share: N/A
Bargains: 20,043
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 105.88 down 0 37
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1186 73 down 6 73
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 11,428 90 up 62.26
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1128 10 down 8 01
Amsterdam: 177 5 down 0 3
Sydney: AO Index 749 0 up 4.2
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1089.9 up 5.0

CURRENCIES

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INTEREST RATES

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Bank base rates $9\frac{3}{4}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$
Finance houses base rate $10\frac{1}{2}$
Discount market loans week fixed $9\frac{1}{2}$
3 month interbank $9\frac{7}{8}$-$9\frac{3}{4}$

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar $9\frac{3}{16}$-$9\frac{1}{16}$
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US rates
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ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 3 to November 6, 1984, inclusive: 10.616 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $328 60 pm $329.00
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New York (latest). $330.75
Krugerrand* (per coin): $339 00–340.50 (£281.25–282.75)
Sovereigns* (new): $77.50–78.50 (£64.25–65.25)
*Excludes VAT

Banks to offer Argentina $4 billion

By John Lawless

Western bankers yesterday agreed Argentina could be offered just over $4 billion under a new money loan. But they apparently failed to meet their end of November deadline for agreeing a package of terms under which the money will be lent.

Argentina, will be disappointed with the offer. It had been seeking $5.45 billion. The banks had rejected that demand before the talks started in New York a week ago, and had been suggesting between $2.8 billion and $3.5 billion.

It now seems likely that Argentina will have to look to the US Government for a bridging loan. It needs to have a complete financial package in place quickly in order for the International Monetary Fund to formally approve its request for a $1.4 billion stand by credit by the end of December.

The IMF managing director, Mr Jacques de Larosière, has always said that a debtor country must have secured sufficient new money commitments before he will submit its economic recovery programme to his executive board for approval. There is still a danger, therefore, that the IMF package, worked out by September, could collapse.

Although the negotiations are the most difficult the banks have faced in two years of Latin American debt reschedulings, the pressure is clearly on the Argentines to agree to tight conditions.

Although Argentina is likely to get a multi-year rescheduling agreement, covering debts falling due between 1982 and 1985, it is highly unlikely to get the favourable terms advanced to Mexico this year under a similar scheme.

One US banker said yesterday that Argentina had become a victim of its own intransigence. It has angered the 320 banks worldwide, which will be asked to subscribe to the new loan, by seriously delaying interest payments on previous loan. The $2.5 billion owed since May will have to be instantly repaid from any settlement.

BICC shake-up to cost 430 jobs

By Jeremy Warner

BICC, the cables and electronics group, is to make 430 people redundant over the next six months in the unemployment blackspot of Merseyside.

The redundancies form part of a restructuring of the company's operations in the Liverpool and Manchester areas. However, about 200 new jobs will be created during 1986 in optical fibre manufacturing at Prescot, Merseyside.

BICC said that the steps being taken were necessary for the future prosperity and security of the businesses involved. The chief executive, Sir William Barlow, said: "We will be spending a great deal of money creating a modern and progressive future for the Prescot industrial complex. On balance we believe this is good news for the North-west."

The cost to BICC of the redundancies and new investment will be about £19 million. More than 70 per cent of this will go on new investment.

The restructuring involves the immediate loss of 32 jobs at the two separate operations making up BICC Vero Connectors at St Helens in Merseyside and Skelmersdale in Lancashire. These operations will eventually be consolidated into the factory being vacated by BICC's telecommuncations canbles operation at Prescot, which will close next April with the losss of 453 jobs. BICC intends to offer a number of these employees jobs at its other cables factory at Blackley, north Manchester.

A new factory will be built and equiped for manufacturing optical fibre cable at Prescot by the end of 1986. There will also be heavy investment in new plant and machinery for the Vero Connectors business moving into the old telecommunication cable plant at Prescot.

Concern at Dunlop over investors

By Ian Griffiths

The main concern for the new Dunlop Holdings board, chaired by Sir Michael Edwardes, is the reaction it will receive from shareholders who will see a dilution of up to 90 per cent of their investment, with the capital reconstruction at the group only weeks away.

Dunlop is keen to mitigate the impact on small shareholders who make up the bulk of the share register, although it is restricted by the poor financial health of the company which has debts of £380m.

The biggest shareholder with 26 per cent is the Malaysian Pegi Corporation. It has supported the board, but some experts have suggested that the Dunlop investment will result in a 50 per cent erosion in its net asset value which might force a late change of heart.

One of the few remaining institutional investors is the Post Office Pension Fund which has a stake of about 3 per cent. It is understood that there are no plans for the fund to oppose the reconstruction.

A factor which might help the company is the US shareholdings through American Depositary Receipts. About 25 per cent are held in this form by small US investors. Last night, Morgan Guaranty Trust, the nominee shareholders, reported from New York that the level of interest in Dunlop as low. The capital reconstruction might therefore arouse little opposition.

Gatt agrees more talks

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

A proposal for a high-level meeting next year to assess prospects for a new round of multilateral trade liberalization negotiations was approved yesterday as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) wound up its four-day annual session.

The developing countries, headed by Brazil, India and Egypt, remained adamant, however, that, before going into a new round, Gatt must dispose of unfinished business from the previous one, particularly in agricultural trade and efforts to curb growing protectionism.

The demand by the US for immediate talks on banking, shipping, insurance services, which represent an estimated $500,000 (£416,000) worth of trade annually, was rejected by the developing nations.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bid for East Lancashire Paper lifted

British Syphon Industries has made an improved and final offer for East Lancashire Paper Group worth £5.6 million in shares and £5.45 million in cash or loan notes. The share offer is unchanged, but the cash and loan note alternative values East Lancashire shares at 100p, against a previous cash offer of 96p. East Lancashire has not decided on its reply.

G M Firth, the steel stockist and share dealing company, has raised its stake in East Lancashire to 13.34 per cent from 12.75 per cent. East Lancashire's shares closed down 4p at 107p.

● TYNE TEES TELEVISION Holdings has increased pretax profits for the year to September 30 from £2.3 million to £2.6 million. Turnover increased from £40.5 million to £46 million. The final dividend of 7.5p makes 10.5p for the year, against 8.25p last time.

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● CHINA has signed a $50 million (£41 million) joint venture contract with a British consortium to provide the country with advanced technology, electronic components and microcomputers. The partners are undisclosed, but Rair, the British microcomputer company is thought to be one.

● WESTBURY HOMES, the Cheltenham builder, has been bought out by its senior management team for £12

Early start for Telecom option deals

By Philip Robinson

Traded options contracts in British Telecom will start less than 24 hours after dealings in the ordinary shares and a week earlier than planned.

The options are used as an investment hedge against the price of the underlying stock when markets are likely to be volatile. Dealers have campaigned for some time to gain immediate access to the market, which some members of the Stock Exchange Council say should wait a week before starting.

However, the first boost to the market came with the Jaguar flotation in August. Dealing were allowed almost immediately.

The Telecom decision establishes a pattern which will seal victory for Mr David Steen, a partner in the stockjobbing firm Pinchin Denny, and his colleagues who have been at the heart of the campaign. First dealings will start at 9.35am on Tuesday.

He said last night: "We feel that it will now be the rules that traded options will be allowed almost immediately in the big privatization issues like British Airways."

Telecom brings the total number of traded options stocks to 28. Contracts have been running at about 5,000 a day although yesterday volume dropped to 3,600.

Meanwhile, Hill Woolgar & Company, a firm of licensed dealers, said yesterday that it would be making a market in Telecom shares simultaneous with dealings starting on the Stock Exchange at 3pm on Monday.

British Gas defends cost of supplies from Norway

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Gas calculates that the cost of its proposed contract to buy natural gas from the Norwegian sector of the North Sea will be more than matched by the benefits to British industry from gas field developments in the British sector.

The corporation has estimated that more than 70 per cent of the natural gas it will supply each year in the 1990s will come from British gas fields.

Mr Robert Evans, chief executive of British Gas, said yesterday that planned spending on the fields in the British sector which British Gas will buy from between now and the year 2000 will be £20 billion at 1983 prices.

Mr Evans added: "This £20 billion bonanza surely indicates that there is a bright future for British yards and contractors, if they are competitive enough to get their share of the action.

"Faster development of British gas would not necessarily benefit them. Either the work would go abroad, or the British industry would go through a quick boom and bust. It is surely better for the industry to know that it will have a constant flow of work stretching far ahead

The contract under which British Gas will buy from the Norwegian Sleipner field in the 1990s has still to win final approval from the British and Norwegian governments.

However, British Gas is convinced that its own and other oil industry forecasts point to the necessity of the Sleipner gas being bought to fill a supple gap early in the 1990s.

Mr Evans said: "No one will be more pleased than I if current estimates turn out to be conservative. But we have to make decisions now on the basis of the best information that is available, and optimistic cases do not provide a sensible basis for policy planning."

"We would be forced into panic buying of any gas available, home or imported, at a price dictated by the sellers. This would then have to be reflected in consumer prices.

"We would have to keep faith with the customers to whom we have a statutory obligation, but to keep their supplies secure we would have to consider dropping some of our contract customers.

"The big industrial users would be forced to switch to more expensive fuels and thus lose one of the few advantages British industry has over its competitors – access to the lowest priced gas supply in Europe," he said.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Reduced forecasts hit BOC

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

BOC Group, the chemicals and gases supplier, was the biggest casualty in the dull top 30 share list yesterday, falling 7p to 253p.

That makes a two-day loss of 14p for the shares and takes the price further down into the low end of its trading range, just ahead of next week's figures.

The trouble comes from profit forecast downgradings by the leading stockbroker Wood Mackenzie which says it is "increasingly concerned about the outlook for BOC's carbon graphite business and the turndown which has recently been experienced in the US health care business".

As a result, Wood Mackenzie has trimmed its 1984 estimate from £134.6 million to £130 million, and chopped £15 million off the 1985 profit forecast. The broker now expects just £165 million next year.

Institutional investors are taking a firm interest in Siebe, the safety products and Engineering group. Having met the chairman and managing director a week ago, two big buyers have picked up stock recently and helped push the share price more than 20p higher to 446p in the past two days. Half-year figures are due in mid-December and City men expect the previous £3.6 million to be comfortably beaten.

BOC made £114.8 million before tax last year, and reports full-year figures on Thursday.

Mr Paul Bosonnet, the finance director of BOC, says the worries expressed by the broker are not new. "Nothing has changed in the last three months, so I am just a little surprised by the timing of the downgrading".

The apparent slowdown in the US economy is a problem, Mr Bosonnet added, and makes predictions difficult. BOC has seen a decline in sales in specific areas of the US health care market, but there has been no general fall in the sector, says Mr Bosonnet.

Equities finished the week on a subdued note. On the final trading day before the British Telecom launch, dealing was extremely quiet with few investors prepared to move off the sidelines.

The recent Wall Street dullness was also an inhibiting influence.

Gilts were again relaxed with trading thin. Prices moved in a narrow range, close to overnight levels.

Oils rallied from a poor start, cheered by a statement by Dr Subroto, Indonesia's oil minister, that Opec prices will be held.

Banks were disconcerted by **Midland's** free banking move and suggestions of much fiercer competition among the high street branches. Falls stretched into double figures with **Midland, National Westminster** and **Lloyds** each down 10p.

Johnson Matthey suffered another difficult session falling 5p to 68p. **Dunlop**, on the reorganization plans, dipped 2p to 24p, a new low.

Scapa Group again reflected this week's good figures, rising 14p to 404p.

Caparo Group, Mr Swraj Paul's *private* company, has bought 1.1 per cent of steel stockholder **Brown & Tawse**, up 1p at 119p, and offered to buy the 16.14 per cent stake now held by Mr Paul's quoted company, Caparo Industries, for 120p a share

Caparo Industries has been building up its share in Brown & Tawse for several months. The sale will raise £4m and help reduce gearing following the recent £14m purchase of Fidelity. A bid for Brown & Tawse from Caparo is still a distinct possibility, unless another party comes in and offers more than 120p for Caparo Industries' stake.

Marshall Halifax shares dropped 20p to 218p after the group announced a on-for-five rights issue at a 22 per cent discount on the overnight price. It plans to raise £5.5 million, issuing 3.1 million shares at 185p each.

Interim figures accompanying the announcement showed pretax profits up 15 per cent to £3.4 million on a turnover ahead 13 per cent to £32.9 million. The interim dividend is 2p and Marshalls promises at least to smaintain last year's 6p final. New funds are earmarked for further expansion. Last year the group spent £6.4 million on capital investment and plans £5 million on two projects which should take this year's spending to £7 million.

Market chat of another bid *attempt* on **Newbold & Burton**, a supplier of women's shoes to Marks & Spencer, is going the rounds again. A buyer recently tried to get a hold of 75,000 Newbold shares, a sizable chunk of the 4.2 million in issue. Neither the company nor its brokers are sure if the buyer went away satisfied, and in the meantime the share price has drifted pennies lower to 94p.

Shares of Alfred Preedy, the confectioner and tobacconist, have been strong, closing 2p higher at 116p yesterday. Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker, expects current year profits of £1.3 million and £1.7 million in the following year. Analysts Mr John Bagwell and Mr Gordon Lees say the share rating is well below the stores sector "giving support to a strong purchase recommendation".

In May the company disclosed an "unsolicited bid approach", but nothing came of it, and word from the company is that there have been no other approaches since then.

Newbold continues to benefit from the success of Marks & Spencer footwear sales, and City analysts are looking forward to a good set of figures for the year ending in December.

Style, the shoe retailer which remains a takeover favourite, held firm in an otherwise full stores sector, trading at 143p.

Woolworth felt the harsh effects of profit forecast downgradings. A couple of leading broking firms have pushed their estimates back below £50 million for the year, and the shares dipped again today to 568p, down 7p.

Analysts at Capel-Cure Myers are sticking to their £53 million forecast for now, but will take another look at the figures once the volatile Christmas trading period is over.

Habitat Mothercare continued to take a knock, having disappointed the best City expectations on Thursday with £12.63 million interim profits. The shares fell 10p to 364p yesterday.

Other leading stores saw pennies taken off their share prices as pre-Christmas jitters hit the market. The City heard worrying tales of slack trade in the shops, caused largely by the unseasonably mild weather.

Debenhams fell 3p to 209p, **Harris Queensway** 2p to 210p, **MFI** 5p to 228p, **Boots** 4p to 186p and **Burton Group** 14p to 383p, ending its recent strong run.

John Waddington, the paper and packaging group – best known for its Monopoly board game – slid 15p to 505p after the deadline passed for Mr Robert Maxwell to increase his 500p-a-share bid. Mr Maxwell's offer stays open until December 13.

McKechnie Brothers, the engineering group, was unchanged at 122p. Mr James Butler, chairman, says in his yearly statement that a provision of £4.35 million has been made following "evidence of fraud" at the group's Australian interests.

"We have taken the most urgent action to limit these losses and to ensure against any recurrence," Mr Butler says.

He adds that Mr Gordon McKechnie, an executive director resident in Australia, has resigned. According to the accounts, Mr McKechnie sold 63,776 of his 119,999 shares between the end of July and October 29.

Profit-taking trimmed 7p off **A B Electronics**, taking the share price down to 512p. The shares got a boost earlier in the week a "buy" circular from Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker.

Watch for the acquisition of a licensed deposit taker soon by Atlanta Investment Trust. The group, committed to expanding financial services, is fighting off a bid from the Grovebell group. In the middle of next month Atlanta moves offices to 46 Moorgate, in the City. The building's ground floor banking hall is not without its attractions. Atlanta shares closed last night at 134p.

At yesterday's annual meeting the chairman said that the company "cannot continue to double its profits every year. However, judging from the present order position and the way things are going" the board believes "that the company will again make good progress this financial year".

A rather different statement emerged from the Star Computer Group. Having seen the share price plummet in the past few days, the directors said "we know of no reason for the sharp fall".

They added that, "although the first months of the current financial year were difficult, trading has subsequently improved and the group's new convergent technologies-based systems have been successfully launched".

£20m plan to rebuild Royal Exchange

By Judith Huntley Commercial Property Correspondent

The Royal Exchange building, one of the City's most prominent landmarks, may soon undergo a £20 million facelift. Guardian Royal Exchange, the assurance company which occupies the building with the London International Financial Futures Exchange, is planning to renovate the listed building to provide 78,000 sq ft of modern office space within the existing structure.

GRE has applied to the City of London's planners and the Department of the Environment to raise the roof on the Exchange and add two extra floors. The barrel vaulted roof and familiar dome would be restored and replaced on top of the new office space.

If planning permission is granted, GRE's 300 staff will move out of the building while work is being done but Liffe will remain. It is not known whether GRE would return to the building afer restoration.

GRE is paying an historic rent for its premises. Its lease runs from 1929 to 1997 with no review. The refurbishment would *offer potential* for a massive increase in rents from which the freeholders, the Gresham Committee, stands to benefit. GRE could sub-let space in the Exchange as the head lessee.

Negotiations are underway between GRE and the Gresham Committee as to how the refurbished building would be valued and what share each would contribute and receive from the project. Hillier Parker, the chartered surveyor advising GRE, says that the new space on three floors would be suitable for a banking tenant.

GRE is taking into account the fact that Liffe may not be there for ever. Its lease expires also in 1997. There are plans to put a restaurant in the basement, and upgrade the shops on the ground floor.



Raising the roof: how the Royal Exchange will look after the proposed facelift

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● MORLAND AND COMPANY: Final 3.75p making 5.75p (5.25p) for year to September 30. (Figs in £000). Turnover 15,736 (14,378). Pretax profit 2,177 (1,942). Tax 860 (767). Extraordinary credit 283 (87). Eps 16.4p (14.6p). Shares unchanged at 172.

● FRESHBAKE FOODS GROUP: Results for six months to September 30. Interest 0.6p (0.25p). (Figs in £000, comps restated). Turnover 27,225 (21,302). Operating profit 569 (984). Pretax profit 509 (959) after interest 60 (25). Tax 193 (219), leaving 316 (740). Eps 1.14p (2.67p). The 1983 figs include Baughans Foods and Murson Food Brokers International shares 98 down 4.

● ICI NEW ZEALAND: The company has purchased for cash the 30 per cent shareholding in UPEC Industries previously held by IML. UPEC is now a 100 per cent subsidiary of ICI New Zealand. UPEC manufactures plastic pipe and film. Its annual turnover is about NZ$13m (£5.3m).

● EGOLI CONSOLIDATED MINES: The chairman's 1984 review says that in the forthcoming year *Springs Dagga Gold Mines* may he floated off separately with rights being made available to shareholders.

● TRIEFUS: Results for half-year to June 30. No interim. (Figs in £000). Group turnover 10,100 (9,800). Group loss before tax 195 (1,190). Tax 157 (172 credit). Minority interests 88 (3 credit). Net extraordinary credits, nil (642) being net investments sale profit. Loss per ordinary share 9.61p (25.58p).

● CELESTION INDUSTRIES: Results for half-year to September 30 (Figs in £000). Turnover 15,653 (14,796). Operating profit 268 (loss 61). Interest charges 359 (399). Dividends from quoted investments 80 (76). Pretax loss 11 (384). Tax credit 24 (91). Eps 0.1p (loss 1.2p). During the half-year, extraordinary items amounted to a net surplus of £83,000 after tax (£268,000).

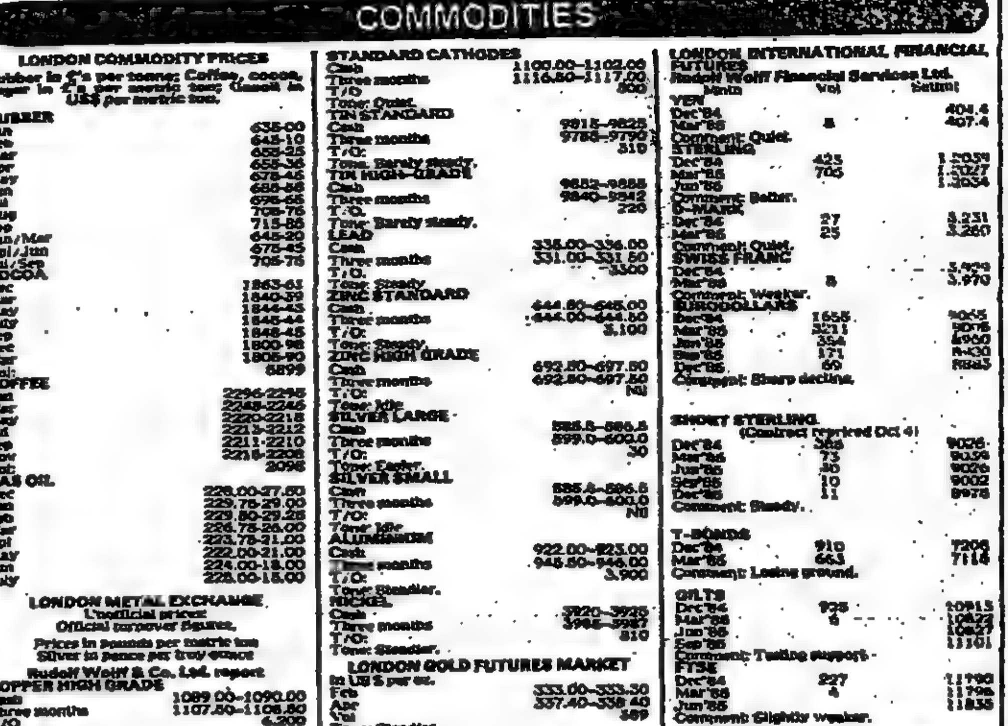
● *COUNTRY* GENTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Results for six months to September 30. Net profit before tax £132,129 (£120,537) on turnover £1.36m (£1.16m).

● DAWSON INTERNATIONAL: *Results for six months to September* 30. Interim 2.6p (2.4p). (Figs in £000). Turnover 17,284 (79,824). Pretax profit 12,641 (8,936). Tax 4,938 (2,842 adjusted). Eps 8.4p (7p).

● ROLFE AND NOLAN COMPUTER SERVICES: Results for six months to August 31. No interim. (figs in £000). Sales 1,263 (1,269). Depreciation 130 (141). Pretax profit 210 (283). Tax 84 (113 restated). Eps 5p (6.8p).

● CUSSINS PROPERTY GROUP: The company has agreed terms to acquire from Argyle Stores (Properties), the former Houndsditch store in Peckham High Street, London, for a retail development. The site extends to about four acres.

● CASTINGS: Results for six months to September 30. Interest 1p (0.75p), payable January 21. (Figs in £000). Turnover 4,621 (3,716). Operating profit 385 (340). Other income 33 (27). Pretax profit 419 (367). Tax 188 (183). Eps 3.41p (2.71p).



COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in £'s per metric ton; Gasoil in US$ per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Jan	635-00
Feb	648-10
Mar	658-25
Apr	655-36
May	678-45
Jun	688-66
Jul	698-65
Aug	708-76
Sep	715-85
Jan/Mar	645-20
Apl/Jun	675-45
Jul/Sep	708-78
COCOA	
Dec	1863-61
Mar	1840-39
May	1844-43
July	1845-44
Sep	1846-45
Dec	1800-98
Mar	1805-90
Vol:	6899
COFFEE	
Jan	2296-2295
Mar	2248-2246
May	2220-2218
Jul	2213-2212
Sep	2211-2210
Nov	2216-2208
Vol:	2098
GAS OIL	
Dec	228.00-27.50
Jan	229.75-29.00
Feb	229.50-29.25
Mar	226.75-26.00
Apl	223.75-21.00
May	222.00-21.00
Jun	224.00-18.00
July	226.00-15.00

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1089.00-1090.00
Three months	1107.50-1108.50
T/O	6,200
Tone: Steady.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1100.00-1102.00
Three months	1116.50-1117.00
T/O	800
Tone: Quiet.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9815-9825
Three months	9785-9790
T/O:	310
Tone: Barely steady.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9882-9888
Three months	9840-9842
T/O.	220
Tone: Barely steady.	
LEAD	
Cash	336.00-336.00
Three months	331.00-331.50
T/O.	3300
Tone: Steady.	
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	644.50-645.00
Three months	644.00-644.50
T/O:	3,100
Tone: Steady.	
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	692.50-697.50
Three months	692.50-697.50
T/O:	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	586.5-586.5
Three months	599.0-600.0
T/O:	30
Tone: Easier.	
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	585.5-586.5
Three months	599.0-600.0
T/O:	Nil
Tone: Idle.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	922.00-923.00
Three months	945.50-946.00
T/O:	3,900
Tone: Steadier.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3920-3925
Three months	3965-3967
T/O:	810
Tone: Steadier.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

In US $ per oz.

Feb	333.00-333.30
Apr	337.40-338.40
Vol	589
Tone: Steadier.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES

Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Vol	Settmt
YEN		
Dec'84		404.4
Mar'85	8	407.4
Comment: Quiet.		
STERLING		
Dec'84	425	1.2039
Mar'85	705	1.2027
Jun'85		1.2034
Comment: Softer.		
D-MARK		
Dec'84	27	3.231
Mar'85	25	3.260
Comment: Quiet.		
SWISS FRANC		
Dec'84		3.929
Mar'85	8	3.970
Comment: Weaker.		
EURODOLLARS		
Dec'84	1658	9065
Mar'85	3211	9076
Jun'85	394	8960
Sep'85	171	8930
Dec'85	69	8885
Comment: Sharp decline.		
SHORT STERLING (Contract repriced Oct 4)		
Dec'84	388	9026
Mar'85	73	9039
Jun'85	40	9026
Sep'85	10	9002
Dec'85	11	8978
Comment: Steady.		
T-BONDS		
Dec'84	910	7206
Mar'85	663	7114
Comment: Losing ground.		
GILTS		
Dec'84	935	10813
Mar'85	6	10823
Jun'85		10827
Sep'85		11101
Comment: Testing support.		
FTSE		
Dec'84	227	11790
Mar'85	4	11795
Jun'85		11835
Comment: Slightly weaker.		

Unit Trust Prices - change on the week

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	Authorized Unit Trusts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]



TEMPUS

Tyne Tees Television puts on a good show

Tyne Tees Television continues to thrive despite its position as one of the smaller independent television companies. Yesterday's pretax profits of £2.6m, up from £2.3m last year, bear adequate witness to the steady progress being made.

The performance is even more creditable, given that it is effectively overpaying its Channel 4 subscription. This will be rectified next year and the benefit will compensate almost exactly the costs which will be incurred after the decision to end the joint marketing operation with Yorkshire Television and go it alone.

In common with other TV companies, the new financial year got off to a slow start, with advertising revenues well below industry expections.

Tyne Tees has maintained a creditable ratio between its share of the industry's revenue and the proportion of homes which it covers and this should allow it to ward off any serious impact of the advertising shortfall.

The shares added 10p on the results, to 165p. With uncertainties about the levels of the Exchequer Levy and the cost of investing in the Direct Boadcasting System still overshadowing, the sector, it is unattractive in the short term. On a long term view, however, Tyne Tees has potential.

US shares

Wall Street is hardley offering London investors any great comfort. Prices have been sliding around for some time, but on Thursday, the market closed below the psychologically important 1200 level, giving a fall of about 30 points during the last week of November.

On the usual rule of thumb 2:1 ratio between Wall Street and London, British equities look farily high.

Why is Wall Street so lacklustre?

Part of the answer may lie simply with investors' apprenhension about the outcome of the US policy dilemma.

Ideally, US investors would like to see a low inflation rate, and reasonable growth, say in the 4 per cent area, measured in gdp terms. But, sadly, the present policy instrument, lower intererst rates, cannot deliiver both.

Cuts in prime rates might help to rejuvenate the economy, but they also risk provoking a substantial dollar devaluation, which in turn would remove a prop to the low level of US inflation.

Investors' unease takes place against a background of worsening US profits prospects. Third quarter US corporate profits were $224 billion, down 2 per cent on the comparable 1983 figures.

On an inflation-adjusted basis, third quarter profits looked equally dismal.

More worryingly, the cyclical downturn in capital goods business is now pronounced.

Given that the business of America is still business, the US way out of the policy dilemma is probably a sharp dollar devaluation via lower rates, which would help reverse the current account deficit. But the sad trade-off could well be an upsurge in US inflation.

Eurobonds

This week's eager rush of Euroyen bond issues in expectation of the formal liberalization on Monday of one of the currency world's hobbled leaders will doubtless be good business for the issuing houses. There appear to be enough investors – some already organized into discreet Swiss funds – who need the hedge and are prepared to accept a yield some 20 basis points lower than in domestic Japanese paper to make the market.

But to what extent does the spate of six issues, whose total value almost equals all the Euroyen issues on the market this year, herald a new force in the bond market? It should be remembered that this is a political accommodation whose main purpose was to revalue the yen against the dollar. The other side of the coin, however, is the extraordinary strength of the dollar.

Furthermore, the present size of the Euroyen market is put at the equivalent of $21,000 million (£17,500 million) – peanuts by Euromarket standards. So the yen has a long way to go before it becomes a reserve currency commensurate with the power of the Japanese economy.

But the fact that two issues of Euroyen certificates of deposit are also planned for Monday suggests considerable potential. There is no reason why the Euroyen market should not become as big as the Euro DM market

APPOINTMENTS

American Express International Banking Corporation: Mr Robert F. Smith has been elected chairman and chief executive and Mr Albert M. Benezra president.

Harland & Wolff: Mr Charles Perrin has become executive director.

Swiss Bank Corporation: Mr Urs Eberhardt has been promoted to senior vice-president from January 1.

Charles Baynes Group: Mr Michael D. Kemp has joined the main board.

Donald Macpherson Group: Mr John Theakston has been made manager, international division.

London & Edinburgh Trust: Mr S. McDonald has been appointed joint managing director.

Whitworth's Food Group: Mr Peter C. Aspinall has joined the board as non-executive deputy chairman.

Shell UK: Mr Peter Everett succeeds Dr John Jennings as a managing director.

Conran Associates: Mr Barry Finnegan has been appointed managing director.

Sottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society: Mr G. R. G. Graham is now a director.

Butcher, Robinson & Staples: Mr Peter Pennington Legh becomes financial director.

King & Shaxson: Mr W. E. C. D'Abbans, deputy chairman and chief executive, has been appointed chairman.

Gilbert Doyle Public Relations: Mr Baron Phillips has become chairman and managing director.

Gestetner Holdings: Mr Hector Wiltshire has joined the board.

Percy Fox & Company: Mr Michael Paul succeeds Mr Nick White as director.

Northern Engineering Industries: Mr C. M. Beaumont has been appointed as finance director.

Sarasota Technology: Mr Michael Norman Richardson has become a non-executive director of the company.

FAMILY MONEY

SHAREHOLDINGS

How to acquire a wealth of perks for only £67

For less than the £100 partly paid price for a minimum 200 British Telecom shares, a small investor could have bought a whole portfolio of goodies in the form of perks from other companies.

A new list of concessionary discounts available to shareholders in British companies from stockbroker Seymour, Pierce & Co, shows 110 companies offering discounts on their products and services to those holding shares

Some demand a minimum holding, usually between 100 and 1,000 shares. Others, and they are the most tempting, offer discounts irrespective of the number of shares held. Just for fun, we have compiled a portfolio of perks based on holding one share in each of the 55 companies which do not specify a minimum holding. Prices will vary with the day-today stock market movements, but when we drew the line this week, the total cost of gaining access to these perks was £66.95.

For this the investor must be prepared in some cases to forsake the traditional ordinary shares and buy non-voting stock, preference shares or loan stock.

Ladbroke Group's 10 per cent discount on 33 hotels, holiday villages and all restaurant bills, and 7.5 per cent off at 56 Lasky's stores, plus a 45 per cent discount on the new Eilat resort in Israel, attach to all three classes of securities. However, the ordinary shares cost 211p, the warrants are 168p and the 8 per cent loan stock costs 81½p.

At the other end of the scale ordinary shares are more attractive than the loan stock. For a 20 per cent discount on up to 10lb of Charbonnel et Walker chocolates from Barker & Dobson investors need either loan stock at 58½p or one 1p ordinary share priced at 8p.

Seymour Pierce points out that there are now more blue chip companies offering shareholders perks, allowing investors to be fairly conservative in their investment policy and still get the perks.

With the House of Fraser stores group, which owns Harrods one share costing around 274p will entitle the owner to 12 vouchers with the annual report for use in stores such as Harrods, Dickens & Jones, Astra Sportscentres and Army and Navy. The ofer consists of four £5 vouchers towards single purchases costing more than £50 and eight 10 per cent discount vouchers towards products which cost more than £100.

With a £1 share of the North Norfolk Railway come two second-class jounerys a year on the private 2¾-mile line between Sheringham and Weybourne, Norfolk, while just 18½p for a share in Norfolk Capital Group will buy four vouchers offering 10 per cent off food and accomodation in 10 hotels, and 5 per cent off a "Greatstay" weekend or a Norbreck Castle holiday package.

One share in Riley Leisure at 49p buys the right to a 20 per cent discount on some snooker tables an C. D. Pierce three-piece suites, up to 25 per cent off three ranges of billiard cues and free membership of any Riley snooker club.

Spear & Jackson International offers discounts of between 32 and 42 per cent on a range of tools plus a free packet of fertilizer.

However, some companies are much more vague about what is on offer. Securior Groups says it would give ordinary or "A" shareholders a buffet lunch at the annual meeting and occasional discounts at its three hotels or on purchases of communications equipment. At 182p, the "A" ordinary are 10p cheaper than the ordinary shares.

Seymour Pierce says that a spin off to providing such perks is to get a widespread of share ownership within the company which may afford some protection against a takeover bid.

Lonrho occupies the largest space in Seymour Piere's 20-page booklet. You will need 150 for 100 shares to qualify for a 20 per cent discount on hotels in Britain the Bahamas, or 15 per cent off bed linen £20 off major car servicing, 25 per cent off nine typ's of watches, barometers and pewter tankards, 2 per cent off unit-linked investment and variable discounts on Volkswagen and Audi cars.

Included for the first time this year are 887-year leases on stalls at the Royal Albert Hall. Shares costing £2,000 give entry for most concerts and boxing and wrestling tournaments, but not for private functions. The seats ae eligible for 175 functions a year. There is an annual rent which this year was set at £200.

The full list of shareholder perks is available from Seymour, Pierce & Co, 10 Old Jewry, London EC2R 8EA. Price £1.50.

Philip Robinson

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

City of Edinburgh opens stable door

Investment trusts have taken a step nearer the limelight with the launch this week of a single premium insurance bond invested in a managed fund of 10 investment trusts.

The fledgeling City of Edinburgh Life Assurance Company, in which Edinburgh Financial Trust is a big stakeholder, has made a stable of 10 Ivory & Sime Investment trusts the basis of its first managed bond. Ivory & Sime has a 10 per cent holding in City of Edinburgh.

The minimum investment in the bond is £5,000. Investors will not be liable to capital gains tax as the managers switch from fund to fund.

Mr Alastair Robertson, chief executive of City of Edinburgh, says that the bond is principally an investment vehicle. Life cover is an incidental extra with twice the sum invested as life cover for a 30-year-old decreasing to a matching sum for a 60-year-old.

The portfolio will be managed by Stanecastle Assets which is owned by Edinburgh Financial Trust and City of Edinburgh.

It is a step beyond Commercial Union's innovative launch last April of a fund of 10 investment trusts. This fund, which takes monthly and annual premiums and lump sums, invests equally between the 10 best performing large investment trusts, chosen at the time of the launch.

Since the launch it has increased in value by 9.4 per cent, compared with Commercial Union's own managed fund, which has put on 12.3 per cent and is top of the league. British equities have risen by 3.9 per cent and international equities by 11.3 per cent over the same period.

Gains in the fund are not liable for income tax for basic rate taxpayers, but higher rate taxpayers will have something to pay.

Unit trusts, which are open-ended funds where the managers fix the price with reference to the value of the underlying investments, have had the edge on investments trusts because they are allowed to advertise.

Investment trusts, which have on average shown better growth rates, have had to hide their light because the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act bars them from advertising. This is because they are closed-ended funds whose price, just like that of any other share, is determined by supply and demand.

But there is nothing to stop the promotion of an investment bond which in turn invests in investment trusts.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 30	Market rates close November 30	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1957-1.2048	$1.1990-1.2000	0.09-0.06c prem	0.14-0.10c disc
Montreal	$1.5820-1.5890	$1.5860-1.5870	0.14-0.19c disc	0.40-0.46c disc
Amsterdam	4.1723-4.2100fl	4.2000-4.2100fl	1¼-1⅛c prem	4⅛-3⅞c prem
Brussels	74.43-74.95f	74.60-74.70f	4-9c disc	13-22c disc
Copenhagen	13.3200-13.4100k	13.3575-13.3675k	2-2¾ore disc	6¾-7¾ore disc
Frankfurt	3.6977-3.7235m	3.7225-3.7325m	1⅛-1⅛pf prem	3⅞-3⅝pf prem
Lisbon	197.28-200.90e	197.65-200.25e	195-620c disc	875-1720e disc
Madrid	206.50-207.70p	206.55-206.75p	30-60p disc	148-170p disc
Milan	2289.70-2304.80lr	2300.00-2302.00lr	6-10lr disc	24-31lr disc
Oslo	10.6900-10.7500k	10.7050-10.7150k	1⅞-2⅞ore disc	6⅞-7⅞ore disc
Paris	11.3290-11.4240f	11.3925-11.4025f	⅞-1⅛c disc	3-4⅛c disc
Stockholm	10.5200-10.5950k	10.5450-10.5550k	1⅞-2⅞ore disc	5⅞-6ore disc
Tokyo	296.79-298.00y	297.00-297.50y	1-1⅞y prem	2⅞-2⅛y prem
Vienna	25.99-26.19sch	26.04-26.09sch	5⅞-4⅞gro prem	13⅞-10⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.0399-3.0700f	3.0580-3.0680f	⅞-1c prem	3⅞-3⅛c prem
Dublin	1.1947-1.1998p	1.1990-1.2000p	46-61p disc	142-167p disc

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.6 at 74.5 (day's range 74.7-74.4).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0030-1.0045
Singapore	2.1660-2.1680
Malaysia	2.4110-2.4125
Australia	0.8570-0.8580
Canada	1.3240-1.3245
Sweden	8.8100-8.8300
Norway	8.9450-8.9550
Denmark	11.16-11.1860
West Germany	3.1050-3.1060
Switzerland	2.5510-2.5540
Netherlands	3.4890-3.4905
France	9.4850-9.4960
Japan	247.35-247.45
Italy	1916-1918
Belgium(Comm)	62.45-2.55
Hong Kong	7.8280-7.8290
Portugal	164-167
Spain	172.65-172.75
Austria	21.75-21.77

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.3951-1.3979
Bahrain	0.4495-0.4535
Finland	7.6965-7.7365
Greece	150-152
Hong Kong	9.3677-9.3792
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3610-0.3650
Malaysia	2.8859-2.8902
Mexico	225-250
New Zealand	2.4503-2.4575
Saudi Arabia	4.2430-4.2830
Singapore	2.5927-2.5975
South Africa	2.2187-2.2268

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 9-8 seven days, 8⅞-8⅞ one month, 8⅞-8⅞ three months, 9⅛-9⅛ six months, 9⅞-9⅞.

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½-9½

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9½ Low 4

Week Fixed: 9½

Treasury Bills(Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 9[illegible]	2 months 9[illegible]
3 months 9[illegible]	3 months 9[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills(Dis%)/Trades(Dis%)

1 month 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	1 month 10[illegible]
2 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	2 months 9[illegible]
3 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	3 months 9[illegible]
6 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	6 months 9[illegible]

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 10[illegible]-9[illegible]	7 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible]
2 months 10[illegible]-10	8 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months 10[illegible]-10	9 months 10[illegible]-10
4 months 10[illegible]-10	10 months 10[illegible]-10
5 months 10[illegible]-10	11 months 10[illegible]-10
6 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible]	12 months 10[illegible]-10

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates(%)

1 month 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	6 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
3 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	12 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]

Local Authority Market(%)

1 day 9[illegible]	3 months 9[illegible]
7 days 9[illegible]	6 months 9[illegible]
1 month 9[illegible]	1 year 9[illegible]

Interbank Market(%)
Overnight: open 9[illegible]-9 Close 6

1 week 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	6 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]
1 month 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	9 months 10-9[illegible]
3 months 9[illegible]-9[illegible]	12 months 10[illegible]-9[illegible]

First Class Finance Houses(Mkt.Rate%)
3 months 9[illegible] 6 months 9[illegible]

Finance House Base Rate 10½

Treasury Bill Tender
Applications: £359.050m allotted £100m
Bids at: £97.74% received 61%
Last week: £97.75% received 21%
Average rate: 9.0559% Last week £9.0068%
Next week £100m replace £100m

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Access Satellite Int 5p Ord (150a)	198
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	179
Alida Holdings 25p Ord (140a)	165+3
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	88
Breakmate 10p Ord (100a)	105
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	230
CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (105a)	143+8
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	135
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	81
Craton Lodge & Knight 1p Ord (115a)	165
Gabicci 5p Ord (78a)	99
Hawtal Whiting 5p Ord (197a)	251
Instem 10p Ord (145a)	185+10
Klark-Teknik 5p Ord (85a)	115−3
Media Technology 20p Ord (117a)	168+8
Oldacre Hldgs 20p Ord	108
PSM Int 25p (140)	155−1
Plasmec 10p Ord (70a)	75
Second Market Inv 5p Ord (10)	11½
Shares Drug Stores 10p Ord (140a)	190
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	146
T & S Stores 5p Ord (a)	117+1
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	80
U D O Holdings 10p Ord (110a)	125−1
Wates City of Lon Prop 25p Ord (100)	114

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street prices opened lower in moderate trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 3.32 to 1,190.14 shortly after the market opened.

Investors were disturbed by money supply. The basic M1 figure increased $6.7 billion (£5.5 billion) in the week to November 19.

Some economists said the increase meant the Fed would not be taking further steps to ease credit.

	Nov 29	Nov 28		Nov 29	Nov 28		Nov 29	Nov 28
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian Prices

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account – no interest paid. Deposit accounts – seven days notice required for withdrawals. National Girobank 7 per cent. *Lloyds extra interest 9.5 per cent. Nat West 8.25 per cent. Fixed term deposits £10,000-£24,999, 1 month 9 per cent, 3 months 9 per cent, 6 months 8.875 per cent. Rates quoted by National Westminster. Other banks may differ.

MONEY FUNDS

Fund	Flat	APR	Telephone
Aitken Hume monthly inc.	9.625	10.06	01 638 6070
B of Scotland	9.2	9.6	01 628 8060
Britannia call	9.5	9.925	01 588 2777
Oppenheimer Money Management Account	9.0	9.31	01 236 9362
S & P call	9.09	9.4	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	9.60	10.03	0705 827733
" over £10,000	9.85	10.30	0705 827733
Tullet & Riley call	9.62	10.25	01 236 0952
T & R 7 day	9.39	9.64	01 236 0952
Tyndall 7 day	9.375	9.71	0272 732241
Tyndall call	9.32	9.66	0272 732241
UDT 7 day	9.¾	9.71	01 626 4681
Western Trust 1 month	9.25	9.65	0752 261161
Henderson Money Market Cheque Account	9.6	10.03	01 638 5757
M & G Hica	9.28	9.7	01 626 4588
HFC Trust 7 day	9.50	9.72	01 236 8391

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts – interest 6 per cent on £500 minimum on deposit for whole of 1984, otherwise 3 per cent. Investment Account – 11¼ per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, months notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £50,000.

National Savings Income Bond
Min. investment £2,000 – max. £50,000. Interest – 12.75 per cent variable at six weeks notice reducing to 12 per cent from 2nd January – paid monthly without deduction of tax. Repayment at 3 months notice. Penalties in first year.

National Savings 2nd Index-linked certificates
Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues. Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index Supplement of 0.25 per cent per month up to October 1985 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 3.0 per cent supplement between October 1984 and October 1985 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Further 4 per cent after 10 years. Retirement Issue Certificates purchased in December 1979, £162 including bonus and supplement.

National Savings Deposit Bond
Minimum investment £250 max. £50,000, 12.75 per cent variable at six weeks notice credited annually without deduction of tax (reducing to 12 per cent from 2nd January). Repayment at three months' notice. Penalties in first year.

National Savings Certificates
29th issue. Return totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

National Savings Yearly Plan
A one year regular savings plan converting into four-year savings certificates. Minimum £20, Maximum £100 a month. Return over five years 9.06 per cent – tax free.

Local authority yearling bonds
12 month fixed rate investments, interest 10 per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayer), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). 1 year Neath 10 per cent. 2 years Liverpol 10⅝ per cent. 3 years Blackpool 10.75 per cent. 4 years Erewash 11 per cent. 5 years Leicester 11 per cent. 6 years Hereford & Worcester 11.25 per cent. 7 years Edinburgh City 11.25 per cent. 8-10 years Northampton 11 per cent.
Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public, Finance & Accountancy, Loans Bureau (638 6361 between 10am and 2.30pm) see also on Prestel no 24808.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts – 6.75 per cent. Extra interest accounts usually pay 1 per cent over the ordinary share rate. Regular savings schemes – 1.25 per cent over BSA advised ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Investors in industry
Fixed term, fixed rate investments of between 3 and 5 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 10.25 per cent, 10.5 per cent between six and ten years; information from 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Foreign currency deposits
Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Intl. Reserves 0481 26741. Seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

Sterling	8.95 per cent
US dollar	8.76 per cent
Yen	5.13 per cent
D Mark	4.50 per cent
French Franc	9.54 per cent
Swiss Franc	5.19 per cent

October RPI: 357.7.

FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

PERKS

Investment club offers deals at a discount

Anyone interested in tempting discounts on a wide range of investments should look carefully at a new investment club set up by R. J. Temple, the licensed dealer in securities.

Membership of Investors' Circle costs £4 to join and then £35 a year. For this you get useful perks such as free membership of the IRPC Legal Advisory Club and two years' free subscription to the personal finance magazine *Money* (normally worth £30).

But membership of the club also brings impressive discounts on some investments. Members who take out a medical insurance policy with either BUPA or Private Patients' Plan will receive a 15 per cent discount on their subscriptions.

For unit trust investors the club provides bonuses of 1.5 per cent on units purchased; on single premium bonds there is a 2.5 per cent bonus and 1 per cent on guaranteed income bonds. For investments in regular premium contracts like life policies and pension plans members will normally get a 25 per cent discount in the first year.

So for a top rate taxpayer arranging a pension plan through the club with £100 a month premium will receive a £25 reduction. And after his £60 tax relief he will only in fact be paying £15 a month for the first year.

The discount on unit trusts offered to club members compares well with discounts obtainable from unit trust companies if you buy direct. Framlington, for instance, will give a 1.25 per cent discount if you are switching your money into Framlington's trusts.

Some groups offer as much as 2 per cent discounts.

These reductions are only available if you buy the units direct from the company itself and not through an intermediary. And you get no discount if you do not ask whether one is available.

£4m goes begging

Supplementary benefits amounting to £4 million a week are going unclaimed because most pensioners do not realize that they are eligible to claim. Some are too proud to inquire about their entitlement.

Age Concern has just published the 12th edition of its guide *Your Rights for Pensioners*. This covers the latest changes, many of which came into force only this week. The guide also explains clearly the benefits available and the claims procedures.

Other subjects covered include early retirement, benefits for disabled elderly people, paying for residential care, income tax, NHS charges, legal help and travel concessions.

The guide is available from leading booksellers, at 65p.

Join the TSB

If you have digested British Telecom, prepare yourself for a second onslaught from that ace promotor of things financial, Dewe Rogerson, the City public relations firm which has won the contract for the privatization of the Trustee Savings Bank.

And do not waste time. Open a TSB account now, because it is a near certainty that TSB accout holders will be offered some sort of preferential share deal. The formula for determining the preferential share allocation is bound to be some combination of the amount invested and the length of time the account has been in existence.

The TSB has all the advantages of the building societies – friendly, approachable image – without any of the disadvantages of the high street banks like nasty loans to Brazil, or difficult commercial customers. In recent years they have been rationalizing their operations, amalgamating their regional boards and they now have some dynamic management in place – all set to take on the other banks, and the building societies. This could be a share worth having.

Loans galore

Home loans, as large as you need for as little as 11.25 per cent, are on offer from the investment adviser Mr Paul Marks, of Chase de Vere. He explains: "The minimum loan is £40,000 but there is no maximum. We will also do endowment, straight repayment or pension loans without charging any extra and there is no interest take surchage, however large the loan. We will also do remortgages at the same rates."

You can borrow up to 70 per cent of the property's valuation or purchase price (whichever is the lower) and the income multiple used to determine the maximum loan is two and a half times joint incomes.

Those who need to borrow up to 90 per cent of the purchase price will have to pay an extra 0.25 per cent for their money. They will also be restricted to a loan no larger than two and a half times the principal wage earner's income.

Details from Mr Paul Marks, Chase de Vere, 125 Pall Mall, London SW1. (Tel: 01-930 7242).

"According to your doctor we should halve the amount of the loan"

Retirement advice

If you are coming up for retirement, you might fancy a bit of advice from the Pru which is running open retirement counselling courses from next spring. You will, however, have to persuade your employer that it is worthwhile coughing up the £100 plus VAT it will cost for the full two-day seminar.

Each seminar provides a programme covering financial planning, health, leisure, living arrangements and opportunities for further employment, with a team of presenters selected for their technical skills in those areas. Everone is given a comprehensive pack of notes, relevant books and an audio cassette at the end of the course.

If you want to know more, details are available from Mr Roy Elms, Retirement Counselling Service, The Prudential, 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH. (Tel: 01 405 9222).

Charity commission

You can give money to charity this Christmas without it costing you a penny. Mr Kean Seager, an investment adviser at Whitechurch Securities, is donating all commissions earned on unit trust purchases made through him between now and Christmas (minus £10 per transaction to cover his costs) to PHAB (Physically Handicapped, Able Bodied).

If you do not actually want to invest before Christmas, write to Mr Seager and he will send you a voucher which can be used after Christmas but will ensure that when you do buy through him the commission gets passed on to PHAB.

PHAB is a charity which aims to help the physically handicapped become rehabilitated within the community. It runs youth clubs where able bodied children mix with physically handicapped ones and learn how to deal with disability. You can obtain your voucher from Whitechurch Securities, Freepost, Teddington TW11 8BR. Tel: 01-977 5854.

£2 note proposed

The halfpence coin ceases to be legal tender at the end of this year and the £1 note will follow it in due course. While the Bank of England is trying to persuade us to love the stumpy £1 coin, Portals, the banknote paper supplier for the currencies of over 100 countries, is suggesting that we ought to have a £2 note.

Portals could just be talking its own book. But it says that the Bank of England ought to bring the quality of paper used for banknotes up to the highest international standards and at the same time intruduce a £2 note on high durability paper.

Surprise, surprise, Portals has recently developed such a paper which could be expected to last twice as long as the present £1 note.

"The need for a £2 note is based on the requirement to avoid a five-to-one ratio between the lowest denomination note and the highest denomination coin, which can mean as many as nine coins being given in change for a £5 note. This is inefficient in terms of distribution costs in addition to the problems facing retailers and the public," Portals explains.

Home and abroad

The first major comparison of national housing finance systems has just been published by the International Union of Building Societies.

The author, Mr Mark Boleat, deputy secretary general of the British Building Societies Association, has covered housing finance from the Philippines and South Korea to Canada and the United States.

The book, called National Housing Finance Systems, contains a mass of statistical information, including such unlikely gems that 70 per cent of families in Bolivia, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela own their own homes.

The book is co-published by the International Union of Building Societies and Croom Helm and is available, at £30, plus £1 for postage and packing, from Croom Helm, Provident House, Burrell Row, Beckenham, Kent. BR3 1AT.

FREE BANKING

Midland breaks ranks of Big Four

Fifty per cent of former Midland Bank customers asked why they were closing their account cited bank charges as the main reason.

This is the background behind Midland's decision this week to join the Scottish banks, Williams & Glyn's, Yorkshire, the Co-op and National Giro banks in doing away with bank charges for customers who keep their accounts in credit.

It will be interesting to see how the other three High Street banks react to the Midland move which, there is no doubt, will be bound to encourage waverers, fed up with Lloyds, NatWest or Barclays charging for the privilege of borrowing their money, to take the plunge and move their bank account.

Recent moves by NatWest and Barclays have been in the opposite direction with both imposing higher charges (a flat £3 quarterly service fee) on accounts which dip below the £100 minimum balance.

	Minimum balance free banking	Item charges ATM	Direct debit	Standing order	Cheque	Other	Notional interest abatement %
Barclays	£100 or average of £500	26	15	26	26	£3†.	3 fixed
Lloyds	£100	20	20	30	30		3*
Midland	0	15	15	28	28		4*
NatWest	£100	12	12	29	29	£3†	3 fixed
Co-op	0	30	30	30	30	both debits and credits charged	–
Giro	0	30	30	30	30		–
TSB	£100	10	15	15	15		–
Williams & Glyn's	0	14	14	28	28		3*
Yorkshire	0	28	28	28	28		3*

* Below seven day deposit rate. † Quarterly charge.

But just as all the banks have been obliged to follow the Barclays lead on Saturday opening, it seems likely that sooner or later the others will have to follow the Midland's initiative and cut charges.

However, they may take their time on this. If you are thinking of making a move, now might be the time to review your finances.

One of the most useful accounts around is the Citibank Savings, Cheque Plus account which offers full cheque book facilities, free banking, and interest of 11.25 per cent on balances over £500 or 9.5 per cent between £1 and £500.

The only drawback is that you cannot have an overdraft. But if you run the Cheque Plus account in tandem with your High Street bank account, you should be able to reduce dramatically your bank charges if you pay them and earn useful interest on your cash balances.

Use the Cheque Plus account like a budget account and transfer each month from your normal account a sum sufficient to pay the bills. Write all your cheques on the Citibank Savings Account and you can almost do away with bank charges.

If you want to maximize the return, work out how much cash you are drawing a month and transfer all the excess by standing order to the Citibank savings account.

You then have the convenience of being able to obtain cash from your High Street bank's machines, leaving only the minimum lying idle in your account earning no interest.

Even though you are not keeping the magical minimum £100 in your High Street bank account, your bank charges should be negligible because you are not issuing cheques.

Bear in mind, too, that you are not getting free banking with Lloyds, NatWest, Barclays and the TSB even is you do not pay bank charges. The minimum balance of £100 means that you forgo interest on this amount (probably more) which is costing you at least £10 per year at today's interest rates.

If you keep an average balance of say £500, as you have to if you intend writing cheques, the cost rises to £50 a year. And you can still accidently fall below the £100 threshold and tot up charges as well.

The only minor irritation with the Citibank account is that interest is taxable and will have to be declared. But after next April the banks will be obliged to deduct basic rate tax at source, in line with building society practice, so even this drawback will disappear for many.

An alternative is one of the bank building society link-ups. The Alliance/Bank of Scotland scheme is convenient and ensures that you avoid bank charges – at a price. You need a minimum of £500 to open the account of which £350 goes into the Bank of Scotland current account half of the package. When the balance on The Bank of Scotland account falls to £100, it is automatically topped up from the Alliance Building Society account, thereby ensuring that you maintain the minimum for free banking.

Lorna Bourke

BARCLAYCARD SCHEME

Limited protection for holidaymakers

The insurance scheme announced by Barclaycard this week to protect its customers from holiday tour company collapses will certainly be a boon to many holidaymakers. But it is not as simple as it might seem.

For example, the protection only covers people who have booked a tour by Barclaycard directly with a tour operator. Bookings with travel agents are not necessarily covered. When booking through a travel agent you will be covered by the Barclaycard scheme only if the agent pays the tour operator via an Association of British Travel Agents voucher. With the voucher you are, in effect, paying the tour operator direct.

But if, as with most travel agency bookings, the agent acts as principal in his transaction with you, the Barclaycard scheme does not cover you. Nor will you necessarily know which method the agent has used unless you look at the small print on his sales voucher.

The fact that it does not cover airlines and most travel agent bookings is not necessarily a drawback. You will still be covered by the agent's bond, and trouble should arise only if the bond is insufficient to cover the full cost of a company collapse.

Moreover, the scheme works differently for people who were first issued cards before July 1977 and for those issued after. Technicalities in the Consumer Credit Act mean that pre-1977 card holders are covered by travel companies' bonding schemes. So Barclaycard decided to keep the costs of its insurance scheme down by providing cover for these clients only up to the amounts they actually paid by Barclaycard. For post-1977 holders, however, the scheme covers the whole cost of their holiday even if they only paid for part of it with their credit card.

Pre-1977 card holders are, therefore, safe as long as either the tour company bond or the Air Travel Reserve Fund can cover all the costs in the event of an operator's collapse.

There is, however, some doubt whether they actually would be enough if one of the larger operators went bust. So to be totally safe the canny pre-1977 Barclaycard holder should cancel his old card and obtain a new one.

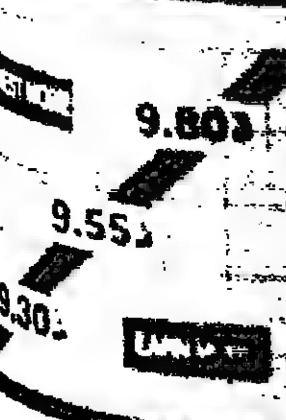
Richard Thomson

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½%
Adam & Company	9½%
Barclays	9¾%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings †	11½%
Consolidated Crds	9¾%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co *	9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
TSB	9½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%
Citibank NA	9½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¾%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼%; £50,000 and over, 8%.



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FAMILY MONEY

COLLECTING

£50,000 tag for rare sovereign

The Royal Mint was within weeks of churning out thousands of coins bearing the portrait of Edward VIII when he abdicated in December 1936.

Although none of the Edward VIII coins went into official circulation, several trial coins have found their way on to the collectors' market.

One of these rare specimens, a proof gold sovereign which comes up for auction next Friday at Spink & Son in London, is expected to fetch £50,000. Only five other Edward VIII gold sovereigns have been tracked down – the Mint owns three, one of which is kept at the British Museum, another is in the Queen's own collection and at least one other is in private hands.

The coin, dated 1937, shows St George and the dragon on one side and a portrait of Edward VIII by Thomas Humphrey Paget on the other.

The new king refused to follow a 300-year-old tradition which dictates that no monarch should face in the same direction as his predecessor. Edward felt that his left side was his best and refused a compromise put forward by the Mint that his left side features should be transferred to his right side for the coin portrait.

A silver Edward VIII florin, sold at Sotheby's last month as part of Paget's widow's estate, made £3,190. The coin was presented to the artist as a memento of his work which was never going to be seen by the public. The reverse side of the coin has been milled almost flat, probably by the Mint to debase its value to collectors.

The uncrowned king still arouses passionate feelings. The New Octavians Societ was founded this autumn to campaign for the early release of Edward VIII's papers, the creation of a museum at his Fort Belvedere home near Windsor, and the public display of his portrait.

The secretary of the society, Mr Michael Bloch, who helped to sort out the former king's affairs after his death in 1972, is promising to release the papers in his possession even though official documents are being locked away until 2037.

The Edward VIII coinage may be out of your price range, but the stamps which *were* issued can still be bought for around 60p for the set of four ½p, 1d, 1½d and 2½d.

Richard Thomson

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Gifts that will gain in value

dear father xmaz, pleaze put my present in here thank you xx

There is nothing so depressing as the sight of Christmas presents being eaten, drunk, and jumped on so that by Boxing Day there is little more than the dustbin overflowing with wrapping paper to remind you of the time and effort taken in choosing gifts.

But there are masses of presents which will not only last beyond the 12 days of Christmas but will also gain in value.

For a really extravagant present, how about a share in a whole forest of Christmas trees? Some forestry management companies are willing to arrange co-ownership schemes.

For a relatively small outlay, you can own a percentage of a forest which you can visit, as well as enjoying heady capital appreciation, mostly courtesy of the taxman. Forestry Investment Management runs a scheme which will take investments of £2,000; other schemes require considerably more.

For £10 you can enrol a friend as a member of the Wine Society (Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts). This buys a single share which creeps up in value – a 1954 share has a bonus of £16.97 plus another small sum in proportion to the amount of wine ordered from the society.

This is paid out only on the death of a member so clearly the motive for joining is not to collect cash but wine. The society enjoys all the tax advantages which go with being a friendly society so wines chosen by experts come at reasonable cost.

The society has a range of everyday drinking wines, such as Corbiere VDQS at £25.20 a dozen and white Cotes de Provence AC 1982 at £29.40 a dozen, as well as fine wines. It will recommend wines for laying down and will store them for you in ideal conditions for £3 per dozen a year, supplying an annual report on when the wine should be drunk.

A dozen bottles of 1978 Chateau Hortevie (£78.60) or Chateau Talbot (£118.80) for drinking in two years would make a splendid gift to accompany membership.

Wine can be a good investment with gains of up to 800 per cent being recorded over 10 years. A dozen bottles of 1975 Chateau Lynch-Barges would have cost £24 at the time and could now be sold for £160.

You could also buy shares as a present. Stockbrokers will not generally take new clients off the street but an existing client's stockbroker should be happy to buy a parcel of shares as a present, no matter how tiny. The firm will still get its minimum commission.

Hoare Govett, for instance, charges a minimum of £15 plus value added tax on equities and £12.50 plus VAT on Government securities for bargains up to £700.

Banks will also buy shares for you. Lloyds will not add anything to the brokers' commission but others, such as Barclays, add £5 plus VAT.

These rates make very small purchases uneconomic, but you can buy gilts through the Post Office where the minimum charge is £1 for deals up to £250. So a £20 gilt-edged gift would cost 5 per cent in commission charges.

Some banknotes are likely to prove a good investment

A more sparkling gift from the National Savings sack would be premium bonds. The minimum purchase of five £1 bonds opens the chance of winning a real fortune or one of Ernie's £50 sweeteners. You can buy gift vouchers from the Post Office which can be exchanged for National Savings securities in £5 denominations and upwards.

For a different sort of gamble, you could buy one of the beautiful Chinese Bonds now sold for their pictorial charms. Every now and then a rumour sweeps the City that the Chinese Government is going to repay its international debts, giving the bonds a real value.

Buying gold as a Christmas present is always popular. The value of sovereigns, Krugerrands or Canadian Maple Leafs fluctuates with the price of gold.

Krugerrands have the lowest mark-up on the underlying gold price – 5 per cent on the 1oz coin which sells for around £290 plus VAT if it is brought into this country rather than being stored off-shore somewhere like Jersey. The half-ounce coin is about £153, the quarter-ounce £80 and the one-tenth-ounce £36.

Children might appreciate a Money Matters pack from the Royal Mint with wall charts and booklets explaining coins through the ages and the minting process (price £4.50 from Royal Mint P. O. Box 500, Cardiff CF1 1YY).

The hobby of collecting bank notes is growing and some notes are likely to prove a good investment. You could buy a prized serial number note signed by the current chief cashier, Mr David Somerset, for as little as £6, but it would be more fun to search for a note with a significant date – say, the birth year of the recipient.

After 1928, only the £5 note carried a date and this ceased in 1956. A 1947 £5 note would cost around £25 and one from around 1934 to 1943 about £45 – match it with a birthday copy of *The Times* and you have a complete present.

Stamps are another collector's happy hunting ground where you can find a present which might rise in value and might also be appreciated by the non-collector.

Stanley Gibbons sells stamps from all over the world, and one of its experts will put together a special interest collection, such as pre-war Indian stamps, but the starting price for this sort of special treatment is around £500.

Stamps are another collector's happy hunting ground

You can buy off-the-peg collections from single countries from £185, with the Ascension collection at £110 and the Falkland Islands collections ranging from £175 to £545 for a selection of stamps catalogued at £710.

Unfortunately, jewellery is seldom a wise investment, but you could find an antique piece which may increase in value as it is worn – or you could buy a platinum bar which must be a cut above a mere gold slab.

Johnson Matthey produces a five gramme bar at £67 and a 10 gramme bar at £129, including VAT.

You might not think of unit trusts as a sparkling gift but Foreign and Colonial think its F & C Capital Fund is a good present to give the under-18s to interest them in high finance. It is taking gift investments as low as £20 if the present is for a child, rather than the usual minimum of £500.

Children are usually drawn to the range of freebies offered by the banks and building societies with junior accounts. Halifax Building Society has produced a Christmas gift cheque starting at £5 which can be credited to a new or existing savings account. The under-11s are automatically enrolled in the Halifax Little Xtra Club and given a money box in the shape of a house, a badge, stickers and a height chart.

Yorkshire Bank has also made a special effort for Christmas and produced a seasonal candle gift pack for the bubble money box which is given to every child opening a savings account. Parents or grandparents can open an account on a child's behalf.

But many of the year-round packages are more attractive – there is the Adopt-A-Duck idea from Greenwich Building Society, which offers children the chance to join the Wildfowl Trust's scheme and take a special interest in the fortunes of a duck they have named. They are also given a chart with a duck sticker for every deposit of £1 or more and 6.75 per cent interest.

Peckham Building Societies' Jumbo Savings Club offers an attractive return to junior savers plus free 200 tickets. Abbey National has signed up Mickey Mouse, who will send junior savers a birthday card every year, while Bristol & West has Snoopy, Cheltenham & Gloucester Paddington Bear, and Henry's Cat is with the Woolwich.

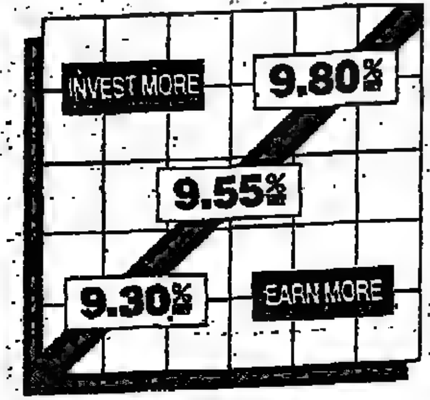
The banks which are about to lose their advantage of offering interest without deduction of tax are also keen to attract young savers.

The family of pigs created by National Westminster aims to keep children as loyal savers rather than allowing them to account-hop from bank to bank to pick up the initial pack of free goodies. When an account is opened, £1 out of the minimum £3 deposit goes towards the first china pig, and new pigs are added free as the account balance passes various milestones so that when it tops £100 the child will have the full family of five pigs.

Vivien Goldsmith







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2	Black Arrow	
3	Can O'Seas Pack	
4	Christies Int	
5	BBA	
6	Cookson	
7	Davies & Newman	
8	Barham	
9	Broken Hill	
10	Dalgety	
	INDUSTRIALS S-Z	
11	Silentnight	
12	Standard Fireworks	
13	Transcontinental	
14	Tomkins (FH)	
15	Smith Whitworth	
16	Stonehill	
17	Saville Gordon (J)	
18	SI	
19	Smiths Ind	
20	TNT	
	INDUSTRIALS L-R	
21	Office Elect Mach	
22	Ricardo Eng	
23	Powell Duffryn	
24	Pearson (S)	
25	MS Int	
26	Pilkington	
27	LRC	
28	MacFarlane	
29	Mitchell Somers	
30	Newman-Tonks	
	ELECTRICALS	
31	Energy Serv	
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33	Lee Refrigeration	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Market subdued

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Nov 26. Dealings End, Dec 7. § Contango Day, Dec 10. Settlement Day, Dec 17.
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DAILY DIVIDEND £2,000	WEEKLY DIVIDEND £40,000
Claims required for +24 points	Claims required for +129 points

1984 High	Low	Company	Price		Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
349	280	Gerrard Nat	327	●	..	17.1	5.2	8.7
66	45	Guinness Peat	57		..	0.9	1.5	21.9
183	121	Hambros	155		-1	8.3	5.3	10.2
16	9	Do (50p)	£13		..	82.0	6.4	18.6
350	235	Hill Samuel	313	●	-3	15.4	4.9	8.8
76½	48½	HK Shanghai	77½		..	..b	..	..
313	228	Joseph (Leopold)	233		..	16.1	6.9	12.2
176	124	King & Shaxson	172	●	..	11.5	6.8	14.5
480	320	Kleinwort Benson	395		..	17.9	4.5	10.9
542	422	Lloyds	505		-10	34.9	6.8	4.3
68	49	Lon Scot Fin	56		..	3.6	6.6	10.9
42	24	Manson	25		..	1.4	5.7	9.8
416	408	Mercury Secs	413		..	16.4	3.9	8.6
429	277	Midland	339		-10	36.4	10.7	5.8
280	198	Nat Aust Bk	280	●	..	..	..	..
596	420	Nat West	562		-10	36.2	6.4	4.4
72	57	Ottoman	£70		-½	450	6.4	10.7
196	144	Provident	191		-2	13.6	7.1	8.1
100	72½	Rea Bros	81		..	1.8	2.2	20.2
20½	14	Royl Bnk Of Can	£17¼		-⅛	..	..	..
245	194	Royl Bnk Of Scot	232		-8	12.1	5.2	7.3
908	625	Schroders	715		..	23.6	3.3	12.0
370	260	Seccombe M	330	●	..	28.6	8.7	10.9
71	48	Smith St Aubyn	55	●	..	8.4	9.7	8.0
679	442	Stand Chart	459		..	40.0	8.7	8.4
763	612	Union	733		..	48.6	6.6	12.0
57	42	Wagon	57		..	3.9	6.9	15.4
38½	23½	Wells Fargo	£33½		-⅛	..	..	..
255	195	Wintrust	220		..	6.1	2.8	14.8

BUILDING AND ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS AND TV

DRAPERY AND STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE AND LAND

FOODS

HOTELS AND CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E-K

L-R

S-Z

INSURANCE

LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	Haynes Publishing	[illegible]		17.1	6.1	18.2
173	[illegible]	Home Counties	[illegible]	+2			
173	141	Independent	141		12.0	8.5	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Thomson	[illegible]	-2	14.8	[illegible]	18.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Link House	[illegible]	+5	[illegible]	3.0	18.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Liverpool	[illegible]	..	18.9	7.1	10.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	News International	[illegible]	..	12.1	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Octopus	[illegible]	-5	13.7	1.8	34.2
175	142	Portsmouth Sund	[illegible]	-3	8.7	3.7	8.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Utd Newspapers	315	-3	30.7	6.6	11.7

OIL

OVERSEAS TRADERS

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES AND LEATHER

TEXTILES

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BRITISH FUNDS

1984 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
105.41	102.98	Treas	15%	1985	101.05	+0.03	14.844	9.489
102[illegible]	99[illegible]	Exch C	12%	1985	100½	-[illegible]	11.924	9.727
97½	93[illegible]	Treas	3%	1985	97	+[illegible]	3.092	9.754
102[illegible]	99½	Treas	11[illegible]%	1985	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.399	9.790
99½	96[illegible]	Treas C	8[illegible]%	1985	99[illegible]	..	8.822	9.865
104½	99[illegible]	Exch	12[illegible]%	1985	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.986	9.824
103½	99½	Exch	11½%	1986	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.527	9.984
102[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas C	10%	1986	100[illegible]	..	9.991	9.916
93[illegible]	88½	Treas	3%	1986	92[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.228	8.249
102[illegible]	96[illegible]	Exch C	10½%	1986	100½	..	10.422	9.960

BREWERIES

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Watchful tiger eyes rich pickings

From David Miller
Lausanne

The International Olympic Committee members meeting here today and tomorrow for an extraordinary session, intended primarily for a post-mortem on the boycott and the finances of the Los Angeles games, are waiting to see where the Korean tiger will strike next, having had its whiskers singed on the camp fire of the International Amateur Athletics Federation last week. Still sitting there in the open is an invitingly spare $300m luncheon, beyond the basic $400m expected from television.

Nobody believes that the television issue of the 1988 games is yet finished. There are various ways that some sort of compromise internal sporting deal may yet be done with athletics, gymnastics and swimming, which will accommodate the additional fee available from American television at the right hour. What first needs to be understood in this controversy, contrary to much speculation, is that the sports bodies, notably the Seoul organising committee, are much keener on selling than American television is on buying. ABC and NBC were simply asked some while ago what would be the difference on prime-time selling: the initiative came from sport.

The Seoul organizing committee had privately speculated on a possible $7¼bn television deal and now has one or two heads on the block, should they get only a third of that. There seemed to be two possibilities. They could make a direct financial bid to the IAAF – and to gymnastics and swimming – of such a sum that the IAAF would be obliged to reconsider. And they can juggle with local Asian summertime and the programme schedule so that some finals could still be screened on the American coast before midnight local time.

Nobody yet knows what ABC and NBC will be prepared to bid against each other for Olympic events not in prime time but the right side of midnight. NBC's wish to end ABC's monopoly could push the figure for even a compromise arrangement over a basic $400m. International federations, the amateur sports officials with millions at their fingertips, are nothing if not flexible. The 1988 Calgary Winter Games have already been extended by four days to give ABC better value for their $309m contact.

It is conceivable that the Seoul organizing committee could encourage some stalling – for the IOC to postpone its overall schedule of programmes for 1988 when it has received the questionnaire back from all summer games, from February to April, and with it the television contract; and the IAAF to reconsider its position at its next council meeting in March.

At the centre of the power struggle is Primo Nebiolo, president of the IAAF, who had designs on succeeding Juan Samaranch as IOC president, even though not himself a member. Attempts by Nebiolo to get himself co-opted exofficio into the IOC as president of the Association of Summer Olympic Sports has failed, and now he must wait for a vacancy to be created by one of Italy's two IOC members, Giorgio De Stefani or Franco Carraro.

Nebiolo's second ambition is to make athletics as individually powerful as football. The creation of the world championships has gone some of the way and a probable gross television right contract of $45m from 1987 in Rome makes the IAAF comfortably independent of Olympic funds. But there can be little doubt that if Nebiolo could play the IAAF's $400m bonus card for the summer Olympics to his own advantage, he would.

He is still making uninhibited attempts to increase the standing of the Association of Summer Games, which is part of the triumvirate of the Olympic movement, together with the IOC and the similarly power-seeking Association of National Olympic Committees, governed by Mario Vazquez Rana, of Mexico. Nebiolo will be making a speech today requesting stronger recognition within the IOC. "We don't want more infuleuce, but more involvement," he says with charming ambiguity. "We want to support the Olympic movement all we can, but we would like to be consulted more on social and pollcitical matters. We think we should be involved in the deciding of the host country, for example." There is no end, he would have you believe, to the altruism of the Association of Summer Games towards the IOC.

The IAAF's record in recent years, on the question of drugs for example, is not something calculated to make anyone confident that they are incapable of changing their minds, even on a matter of principle. Although Nebiolo was saying yesterday that it was out of the question to ask an athlete such as Sara Simeoni to compete in the high jump in the morning instead of the afternoon, there are those who believe that the Seoul organizing committee may yet discover some convincing argument between now and January which will find a schedule emerging in which certain events are closer to Korean midday than to sunset. Their case will be strengthened if the Korean government will insure American television against disruption of the contract. The tiger may yet get its claws on that luncheon voucher.

Belated bronze medal awarded

The IOC executive board are to grant a belated bronze medal to the French athlete, Michele Chardonnet for a tied third place with the American, Kim Turner, in the 100m women's hurdles event in Los Angeles. Miss Chardonnet was previously classed fourth.

Brunei have been admitted as the 160th nation in the Olympic movement. The unanimous decision automatically entitles the former British colony in North Borneo to send a team to the 1988 games in Seoul.

● The International Football Federation (FIFA) yesterday fixed the maximum age limit at the 1986 Olympic football tourname at 23 years. They also propose that the tournament be open to all players aged 23 years or less from Europe and Latin America who have been previously barred from the Olympic games because they had competed in World Cup games.

FOOTBALL

Nicholas and Jennings head a long list of caps who do not fit

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The attitude of professional footballers has suddenly become more topical than the behaviour of hooligans. Even the Pope joined the discussion earlier this week, and in their defence offered the opinion that "they are not robots but psychologically very vulnerable" because they can in an instant fall from the highest peak to the lowest valley.

His words proved uncannily prophetic for half a dozen international players yesterday, although not in the sense that he meant. They were dropped. As if in response to recent publicity, the managers of Arsenal, Southampton, Newcastle United and Fulham decided to take positive action over so-called "stars" who were otherwise physically fit and available.

The most notable decision was taken by Don Howe, the Arsenal manager. He has left out Nicholas and Jennings from Arsenal's home game against Luton Town. "We have had a shocking November," he said, "with one win out of six matches. Something had to be done and I have dropped two players who are not playing well."

Jennings can be excused for his relative failure because of his age. Northern Ireland's goalkeeper, who has never before been omitted since he first appeared in the first division two decades ago, is 39. A "professional" in the genuine sense, he has set an example that the youthful Nicholas would be advised to follow.

The Scot, also dropped for the first time in his brief career, admitted that his form has been poor. "Watching the others may help me to put my own game together again", he said. "I know the manager was not influenced by what has appeared in the papers, but I hope the people who wrote it are satisfied now."

Howe emphasized that his decision to exclude Nicholas was "nothing to do with the bad publicity he has been getting. It was made on ability alone". Allinson and Lukic, who conceded four goals in front of a live television audience during his last appearance, are the replacements, and Caton comes in for the injured O'Leary.

Arsenal's problems are trivial compared with those of Luton, lying 21st in the first division. David Pleat, their manager, had already lost one goalkeeper and his entire back four when he discovered yesterday that he had lost his reserve goalkeeper, Findlay, as well. After announcing his depleted squad, he said: "These are the 12 men that we still have standing."

Southampton are suffering more from wounded pride after revelations about dressing room scuffles. The club announced in a statement yesterday that Williams is free to go (and Howe confirmed that he will open negotiations for him within the next 48 hours) but Wright is not. Lawrie McMenemy, the Southampton manager, has again excluded both England internationals from his squad to meet Ipswich Town.

The Statement read: "Williams has made it clear that he has no disagreement with the club or its manager but, after 10 years' loyal service, wishes to move on, and it is with great reluctance that the club will consider offers for his transfer. The request from Wright for release from the contract which he entered into only last August has been rejected."

McCreery, of Newcastle United and Northern Ireland, is another international to be left out in the cold for the first time this season. He makes way for Megson, who knows how it feels. Brian Clough signed him for £175,000 and sold him for £110,000 without ever employing him in Nottingham Forest's first team. Newcastle are at home to Stoke City.

Peyton's Fulham's Republic of Ireland goalkeeper, has also been dropped for their game at Barnsley. His manager, Ray Harford, commented: "We have kept only two clean sheets all season and it is just not good enough. He has not been playing well and needs a rest". In recalling Stannard for the first time in a year, he added: "It is the law of the jungle".

That is not the end of the list of international absentees. Six (France), Osman (England) and Brotherson (Northern Ireland) are all out through injury or suspension this afternoon. Hartford and Albiston (Scotland), Hudson (England) and McIlroy (Northern Ireland) will not know their fate until shortly before the kick-off.

One international, Spink (England), is making his way back and another, Galvin (Republic of Ireland), will do so if he is fit. Two more, Foster (England) and Davidson (Australia), will make their debuts for their new clubs, Luton and Forest respectively, and so may two others, Davies (Wales) at home to Liverpool, for Chelsea, and Herbert (New Zealand) for Wolverhampton Wanderers at home to Brighton and Hove Albion.



Out of favour: Nicholas (left) and Jennings.

Cloud nine on United horizon

By Hugh Taylor

If Dundee United are walking on air following their notable display at Old Trafford, a glance at their recent record against Rangers is enough to bring them back to earth. They have not emerged winners in their last eight confrontations and in October they were beaten by the Ibrox team at Hampden in the League Cup final.

The manager, Jim McLean, has emphasized to his players that the challenge of Rangers at Tannadice today presents problems different from those faced in the 2-2 draw with Manchester United in the UEFA Cup tie. The priority, he believes, is for United to retain the buoyancy gained by an outstanding result against one of the greatest of English first division sides and rid themselves of the inferiority complex that seems invariably to afflict them when they come face to face with Rangers.

Defeat for either side would almost certainly deflate their championship aspirations. Rangers are seven points behind Aberdeen, the leaders, while United trail even more dismally out of touch by 11 points.

Both have been less accomplished as well as less consistent than Aberdeen and Celtic but are capable of playing with skill and fire when meeting distinguished opposition, and so this afternoon should afford a full house the opportunity of seeing one of the most intriguing games of the league season. United must be favourites if they find their best form, for they can be sharper in attack than Rangers.

Hot on the heels of Aberdeen, Celtic have struck a purple patch, scoring 12 goals in their last two games and attacking with all the zest of their famous predecessors, who became the first British club to win the European Cup in 1967. They should win again today, even though Dundee, their visitors, will fight more stubbornly than did Heart of Midlothian and St Mirren.

Heart of Midlothian meet Aberdeen at Tynecastle but will be handicapped by the absence of their central defender, MacDonald, who is suspended. Although the league leaders may be without Black, their injured forward, they are unlikely to leave Edinburgh without two points, so strong is their pool of players.

Morton, who have enjoyed little luck despite brave performances in recent games, may have their injured goalkeeper, McDermott, fit in time for the match with Hibernian at Greenock. If they play with the determination shown in their matches against Celtic and Rangers, they should end their losing run.

A draw appears the likely result of the St Mirren-Dumbarton match at Paisley.

Whiteside escapes ban

Norman Whiteside has won a World Cup reprieve that frees him to lead the Northern Ireland attack against England in February. FIFA, the world governing body, have quashed a booking the Manchester United teenager received in September for over-enthusiastically celebrating his goal against Romania, so Whiteside avoids a suspension, even though he was again booked against Finland last month.

Whiteside fell foul of a recent UEFA ruling which attempted to restrict players' celebrations after goals. He was cautioned after running to the Irish fans, but FIFA encouraged an appeal, which was upheld by FIFA's executive committee yesterday.

The Irish president, Harry Cavan – also the senior FIFA vice-president – said afterwards: "We do not want to kill the natural exuberance of players celebrating after scoring goals, which is what football is all about."

Wright's appointment

Keith Wright, the manager of the England semi-professional football team, has been appointed secretary designate of the English Golf Union. He will join the EGU in March 1985. Ian Erskine, whom he will eventually replace, continues his present duties until the end of 1985.

Santana returns as the new coach of Brazil

Rio de Janeiro (AP) – Tele Santana, who resigned as the coach of Brazil after their elimination from the 1982 World Cup in Spain, has been reappointed to the job.

Santana, aged 52, accepted the post "with great enthusiasm." He has been coaching in Saudi Arabia since resigning as the national team coach in 1982.

The Brazilian football confederation president, Giulite Continho, lavished praise on Santana recently and said it was an "accident" that Brazil did not win the world title in 1982.



Channon: "They won't have to tell me when it's time to go"

Boyish thoroughbred is a stayer in his love of the game

By Clive White

Having to walk down a street conspicuously clad in football kit to a pitch situated a few hundred yards from the changing rooms is the sort of unstylish entrance with which park footballers like myself never really come to terms. You would not see Jimmy Greaves arriving like this, I used to think. That was until two years ago, when I arrived at a match after a similar street parade, with Jimmy Greaves.

I felt both proud to be jogging alongside my childhood hero and ashamed that he should have to endure such a degrading ordeal until I realized that it did not matter to him where, how or against whom he was playing. He just wanted to play.

At Norwich, where until recently the teams have changed in a pub up the road, following a fire in the main stand, that same unsophisticated love for the game is embodied in Mick Channon. Last week, against Notts County in the Milk Cup, he scored his 300th competitive goal. It was not his most spectacular, bouncing in almost by accident off the top of his head, but his pleasure in it was so boyish that he might have been greeting his first goal on his debut as a 16-year-old for Southampton.

Channon completed 20 years' service at the highest level of his profession this week, when celebrated his 36th birthday. "All you need is a stage," he has said, "and the first division is the only stage I know." You also need to be fit and lucky with injuries. But above all you must be in love with the game. Sometimes it seems few players really are.

Channon's frame is still lean and youthful, but he sensibly conserves his energy when without the ball. It is noticeable, though, that when he goes down it takes a lot longer to get up.

Channon can afford to enjoy the game now, since he is in the rare position of not needing the money he earns from playing. Thirteen years ago he bought himself a race horse just for the fun of it. Now he has about 20, which is even more fun, but it is also a business, a successful one based largely on breeding.

He divides his life between the horses on his farm near Southampton and his football with Norwich, where he lives in an hotel. The aim now is to breed a Derby winner, but the Milk Cup would be an acceptable substitute and an appropriate one if they should make it a derby final with Ipswich Town.

He thrives on targets, and his natural determination even enabled him to overcome the bad times at Manchester City. "But then everybody who went to Manchester City had a bad time," he says. "You had household names becoming bad players overnight. If I hadn't been so single-minded, I would have been finished at 30."

He survived to appreciate the experience. "If ever I go into management, I'll be able to draw on the experience gained from all the mistakes they made."

His international career spanned the dark years from 1973-78, half his games under Sir Alf Ramsey ("Had we qualified in 1974 we would have won the World Cup – when you're abroad with England you feel you can beat the world") and half under Don Revie. The last of his 46 caps was also Ron Greenwood's first international. "Then it was off with my head; death comes quick."

"Everyone knew what they were doing under Alf. It was a settled side, unlike Revie's. He tried to keep everyone happy. I thought Bobby Robson was beginning to do the same. Now he seems to know his team, not that I wholly agree with it."

Players might find Channon himself a hard man to work under as a manager. "There's dozens of games I could have missed because of injury. If every player waited until he was 100 per cent fit, there wouldn't be any games on a Saturday. If I was manater of Newcastle, I'd have my physiotherapist in Southampton. 'You want to see the physio? Right then, off you go'. Not many players miss cup finals."

He had time, though, for George Best: "The only miracle I've seen in 20 years", he says. "If he hadn't had that wayward streak, he wouldn't have been the player he was."

He is on a monthly contract at Norwich because that is the way he wants it. "They won't have to tell me when it's time to go. The punters will let me know," he says. "It won't be the playing I'll miss so much as the laughter in the dressing room before training and the half-hour afterwards over a cup of tea."

Felgate on loan

The Welsh international goalkeeper Dave Felgate has joined Cardiff City on a month's loan, from Lincoln City

El presidente

Madrid (AP) – Señor Jose Luis Roca, the manager of a building society, was elected president of the Spanish Football Federation

SNOOKER

Remorseless Davis in winning mood

By Sydney Friskin

Alex Higgins and Steve Davis took part in the 1983 Coral United Kingdom championship final at the Guild Hall, Preston, where in a tremulous climax Higgins won 16-15. Yesterday the Canadians Cliff Thorburn and Kirk Stevens stood in the way of a repeat final between the two men at the same venue.

At the interval Davis's remorselessly exact play had taken him to a 6-1 lead over Stevens to leave him three frames away from securing his place in the final. In the other semi-final, which was more closely contested, Higgins led Thorburn 4-3. Davis later won 9-2.

There was singleness of purpose and discipline in everything that Davis did and he quickly established a 5-0 lead with successive breaks of 108, 31, 68, 61, and 68. The incentive for his early break of 108 was provided by Stevens, who left a red hanging over a pocket at the top of the table. Had Davis not missed his shot on the brown which was on its spot he would have had a chance of a break of 138 to beat his own 134, which is the highest of the tournament to date.

Stevens reduced the lead to 5-1 with a fluent break of 61 but conceded the seventh frame after a foul shot on the pink.

Higgins dropped the first two frames to Thorburn but rapidly redressed the balance. The best of Thorburn was seen in the fifth frame which he won with a superb clearance break of 63. Higgins responded with a startling break of 91 which brought the scores to 3-3, and a break of 70 then cleared the way for his 4-3 lead.

Higgins and Thorburn had met seven times before, with the tally of victories standing at 5-2 in favour of Higgins. Their previous meeting was at the Benson & Hedges Masters tournament 18 months ago, when Higgins won 5-4.

SCORES: Semi-finals: S Davis leads K Stevens 6-1. Frame scores (Davis first): 108-28, 62-52, 83-31, 67-43, 95-32, 0-85, 88-26. A Higgins leads C Thorburn 4-3. Frame scores (Higgins first): 24-72, 37-74, 80-21, 78-46, 13-108, 114-21, 105-18.

Thursday's quarter-finals: C Thorburn bt R Reardon 9-8. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 80-67, 78-15, 18-76, 89-17, 58-45, 30-77, 10-61, 112-9, 18-66, 39-62, 45-88, 22-105, 73-18, 74-24, 94-14, 81-41, 78-8; K Stevens bt A Knowles 9-7. Frame scores (Stevens first): 72-18, 98-22, 103-31, 14-32, 0-115, 33-85, 5-80, 61-44, 0-97, 74-12, 54-63, 86-3, 33-63, 78-16, 78-2, 75-14.

SQUASH RACKETS

Top players threaten a boycott

From a Correspondent
Karachi

Seven of England's top players are planning to boycott the British championships at Sheffield next week because they are dissatisfied with the prize money.

A telegram from the world open championship in Karachi, where all seven have been competing, has been sent to the Squash Rackets Association, saying that the boycott will go ahead unless there is an increase in the £13,000 allocated to prize money out of the £90,000 Inter-City have made available over two years.

The message contains the names of the reigning British champion, Philip Kenyon, the top seed, Geoff Williams, and the former champion, Gawain Briars. This means that unless some fast talking takes place, the national championships will hardly be worth the name.

"We all believe that there is a general tendency to be too secretive about the distribution of funds," Briars, the group's spokesman, said "There must be some more money available than this. Players' prizes take too low a place on the list of priorities."

Hidayat Jahan, the Pakistan-born world No 6 was the only England player to survive to the last eight of the world championship yesterday.

Danny Lee, Jamie Hickox, Williams, and Kenyon were all beaten.

Jahan won 96, 2-9, 8-10, 9-2, 9-2, against Bo Bostrom, and now has the misfortune to play the champion, Jahangir Khan. Jahangir produced one of the most ruthless performances of his career, even by his standards, needing only 25 minutes, and conceding only one point, to beat the Australian, Ross Thorne, a player good enough to win last yar's Australian open and South African open, and ranked tenth in the world. The scores were 9-1, 9-0, 9-0.

THIRD ROUND: H Jahan (Eng) bt B Bostrom (Swe) 9-6, 2-9, 8-10, 9-2, 9-2; G Pollard (Aus) bt D Lee (Eng) 9-5, 9-3, 9-5; Q Zaman (Pak) bt U Hayat (Pak) 9-4, 9-7, 6-9, 9-5; M Ahmed (Pak) bt J Hickox (Eng) 9-7, 9-1, 9-3; C Dittmar (Aus) bt G Williams (Eng) 9-5, 9-0, 9-4; R Norman (NZ) bt S Qualsar (Pak) 9-2, 9-7, 10-8; S Davenport (NZ) bt P Kenyon (Eng) 7-9, 9-5, 9-1, 9-8; J Khan (Pak) bt R Thorne (Aus) 9-1, 9-0, 9-0.

Miss Opie is forced to pull out

By Colin McQuillan

Lisa Opie, the defending champion, has withdrawn from the British championships at Sheffield next week because of suspected hepatitis. The new line up, when it is announced, is certain of a warmer welcome from many of the players.

Martine Le Moignan was previously second favourite in a decidedly bottom-heavy draw that brought the promising young players Lucy Soutter and Nicky Spurgeon together in a disappointingly early eliminator.

Miss Le Moignan now becomes top seed in the event for the first time, having lost the last three finals.

Miss Spurgeon is now seeded joint second with Alison Cumings.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Awayday may suit St Helens

By Keith Macklin

Three outstanding ties in this weekend's second round of the John Player Special Trophy mean that three highly fancied sides must disappear.

The league leaders, St Helens, travel to Bradford Northern to face the last team to beat them before their 10-match unbeaten run. Wigan travel to Headingley to face Leeds, whom they beat in the 1982 final, and they are strengthened by the return of their powerful and elusive winger, Gill. In the third top match, Oldham have their Australian half back, Taylor, and their international forward, Worrall, back in action for the visit to Hull.

All three visiting sides have tough tasks, ad the most likely to upset home advantage are St Helens, who have yet to lose a game since the arrival of Meninga and Veivers from Brisbane. Although Northern beat St Helens in a league game 30-11, that was before the arrival of the Australians.

The draw means that at least two second division sides will get into the last eight, a powerful cash incentive. The second division leaders, Whitehaven, at Bramley, and the revived Dewsbury at home to R acorn Highfield, who have made remarkable strides since transferring at the start of the season form Huyton. In each case, the visiting sides are capable of winning.

SIDELINES
Gordon Allan

McEnroe in shadow of feat of Clay

Tennis is one of those sports in which I take an interest once a year. I think of Wimbledon as a stop on the District Line, but I like to know who have won the men's and women's singles, even if I do forget their names half an hour later.

Long ago I was an assistant racing tipster, with a sentimental preference for a horse called Gudmenarmist, which won at 33-1 the first time I selected it. Now, I look down the list of runners on Grand National day and Derby day, pick a horse with a likely name, and then make a point of finding out how – or if – it ran. But for the rest of the year racing does not exist for me.

Nor does rowing – bar the Boat Race. I might not sleep that Saturday night if I did not know who reached Mortlake first. And boxing did nothing for me until Cassius Marcellus Clay – "by his own admission," Alistair Cooke wrote, "The greatest man in the history of the human race" – came on the scene. I devoured every word of George Whiting about him in the *Evening Standard*. In fact, my interest in boxing can be said to have gegun with the advent of Clay and ended with the retirement of Ali.

But to retrn to tennis. It has been a quiet game recently because John McEnroe has not been playing. Umpires and other officials have been able to relax, like battle-weary infantry temporarily resting behind the line, and a certain kind of *spectator* has stayed at home because, in their view, tennis without McEnroe incidents is a poor relation of tennis with them.

McEnroe and Ali are alike in a way. Both talk a lot, often loudly, but from the available evidence it is clear that Ali has a more flexible vocabulary and a more vivid imagination. Both would make a fortune at Speakers Corner, but I fancy that Ali would draw the bigger crowd.

I sometimes wonder how McEnroe would get on in a body-contact sport. If he can treat a dubious line call as a gross personal slander, what would he do if somebody trod on his head? It seems to me that he is usually so much better than his opponents that he could afford to ignore these little irritations, because he is going to win anyway.

But if we are having a rest from McEnroe, we are not having a rest from tennis. We never do these days. I have heard complaints that there is too much tennis, just as there is too much cricket, and despite being an ignoramus about tennis, I can well believe it.

I get the impression that, for example, every other town in the United States has its own tournament and that the same players are forever playing each other. One week you open the paper and read that some superstar has won the Deadwood Gulch invitation classic; the next, that the superstar who was runner-up at Deadwood Gulch, fearing penury, has hurried across the prairie to win the Tombstone City pro-masters gold cup, beating the Deadwood champion in a "tie-break shoot-out".

If only it really were a shoot-out, in the OK corral style, how much more grippping it would be.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: New South Wales 315 for 8 (DM Wellham 89, P Clifford 64), v South Australia. Launceston: Tasmania 200 (C McDermott 6 for 45); Queensland 105 for 2.

GOLF

AUCKLAND: International tournament: Second round leading scores (Australians unless stated): 130 W Grady 62, 68. 133 R Jones 66, 67. 134 S Reese (NZ) 71, 63; H Irwin (US) 70, 64; P Fowler 67, 67. 142 M Bembridge (GB) 72, 70.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): San Antonio Spurs 124, Dallas Mavericks 116; Phoenix Suns 100, Chicago Bulls 95; Golden State Warriors 110, Kansas City Kings 107.
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Kuala Lumpur: Second qualifying round: China 96, Taiwan 70. Varna: European qualifying match: Bulgaria 84, Greece 91.
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: European qualifying matches: Tel Aviv: Israel 85, England 77. Prague: Czechoslovakia 101, Switzerland 93. Zalaegerszeg: Hungary 91, Belgium 86 (after extra time).
NANCY: France 81, Poland 74.

EQUESTRIANISM

BRUSSELS: International horse show: Prix Rose van Gelqwe: 1, S van Paesschen (Bel, Hilleider) clear/34.02 sec; 2, P le Jeune (Bel, Moet et Chandon Faon Rouge) 0/36.41; 3, A Verlooy (Bel, One Eleven) 0/36.64; 4, J Whitaker (GB, Novil Hetro) 0/38.37; 5, E Macken (Ire, Carroll's L'Ombelle) 0/40.13. 9, D Broome (GB, Crews Hill) 0/48.37.
BRUSSELS: International horse show: World Cup qualifying competition: Elimination tournament: 1, M Whitaker (GB), Owen Gregory 27.72sec; 2, P Eriksson (Swe), JFB Zorro 28.35; 3, F Wauters (Bel), Mrs Carlsberg 28.88; 4, H Simon (Austria), Gralin 28.92; 5, M Pyrah (GB), Diamond 29.34.

BADMINTON

Crawley: Carlton Challenge: Men's Singles: N Yates (Eng) bt S Butler (Eng) 15-8, 15-2. S Baddeley (Eng) lost to M Frost (Den) 15-8, 4-15, 5-15.
Mens' Doubles: S Baddeley and B Gilliland (Scot) lost to M Frost and M Tredgett (Eng) 12-15, 15-10, 2-15. D Travers (Scot) and B Gilliland bt C Dobson (Eng) and M Tredgett 15-7, 15-4.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race (after four nights): 1, U Frauler/D Gisiger (Switz) 69 pts. One lap behind: 2, H Rinklin/J Kristen (WG) 115. 3, R Hermann/S Hermann (Liechenstein) 53. 4, G Wiggins/A Doyle (Aus/GB) 39.

FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Manchester City 0, Manchester United 3; Liverpool 3, Derby County 0.
FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Cambridge City 2, Stourbridge 5.

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Hants North 28, Essex Met 44.

TENNIS

ITAPARICA, Brazil: Open tournament: Quarter Finals: J Clerc (Arg) bt F Bengoechea (Arg) 6-4, 6-3; R Acuna (Chile) bt P Rebolledo (Chile) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; Hocevar (Br) bt T Kley (Br) 1-6, 6-1, 6-2; H de la Pena (Arg) bt F Martins (Br) 6-4, 6-4.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): New Jersey Devils 2, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Edmonton Oilers 4, Boston Bruins 2; Chicago Black Hawks 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Los Angeles Kings 12, Vancouver Canucks 1.

● An Argentine judge has ordered that the Boca Juniors stadium be auctioned because of the club's failure to meet payments on the transfer of Ariel Krasousk from Wanderers Club of Uruguay in 1981. The auction, scheduled for Thursday, could be postponed if Boca Juniors makes a payment of $35,000 to Wanderers.

● Liverpool's former forward, David Fairclough, has asked the Swiss first division club Lucerne for a transfer. He said his wife would like to return to England, but he would prefer to remain with a good continental club for the time being.

● Reading have brought forward to noon the kick-offs of their homw matches with Bristol City on December 22 and Millwall on January 1, in an attempt to beat hooligans.

● The Sunderland manager, Len Ashurst, has been offered a three-year contract, to take effect from January 1.

BASKETBALL

England looking ahead to a Wembley finale

By Nicholas Harling

By limiting Israel to a respectable winning margin of 87-76 in Thursday's World Cup tie, England have almost certainly set themselves up for a dramatic climax to the qualifying matches in Group D

Assuming that England account for Switzerland in Bellizona on February 13 and are not overtaken by Czechoslovakia, the other team in the group, who were beaten at Leicester last week, England would take on Israel next November needing to win by ten points to qualify. There would not be a court in the country big enough to accommodate all those wanting to see such a match, with the possible exception of Wembley, and the English Basket Ball Association are to approach the Empire Pool.

"Wembley is certainly a possibility," Peter Draper, the EBBA's development officer said. Only four previous internationals have been staged at Wembley, the last one in 1953, long before the sport really took off in this country. But the Empire Pool is filled to capacity every March for the National Championships.

"Certainly if we are still in with a shout, England v Israel at Wembley would be a hell of a promotion", Draper said. "I don't see any reason why we shouldn't think big about it." Influencing Draper is the fact that London's Jewish community would help to swell the crowd, a fact that is illustrated by the support generated for Maccabi Tel Aviv at the annual World Invitation Club Championships at Crystal Palace.

IN BRIEF

Grady holds on and Jones holes in one

Wayne Grady, the Australian golfer, scored a two-under-par 68 in the second round of the Auckland international tournament yesterday to retain a three-stroke lead over Brian Jones, his fellow-countryman.

Grady was 12 under after 27 holes but ran into problems on the homeward nine, bogeying the ninth, 10th, 17th and 18th holes. Jones included in his 67 a hole in one at the 185-metre par-three seventh.

ATHLETICS: Ikangaa, of Tanzania, Heilmann, of East Germany, and Djama, of Djibouti, are favourites in the nineteenth Fukuoka international marathon tomorrow. A field of 180, including 15 foreign runners from 10 countries, have entered, but the top Japanese, Toshihiko Seko, who beat Ikangaa in the last 100 metres to win last year's race, and twin brothers Takeshi and Shigeru Soh, will not be competing.

CRICKET: A determined 89 by Dirk Wellham, the state captain and former Test batsman, headed a New South Wales fight-back in the Sheffield Shield match against South Australia in Sydney yesterday. At the close of the first day of the four-day game, New South Wales were 315 for six. Wellham and Clifford (64) put on 122 for the third wicket after two wickets had fallen early.

MOTORCYCLING: Eddie Lawson, of the United States, the current world motorcycle 500cc champion, took pole position in record time during official practice yesterday for the Selangor Grand Prix in Kuala Lumpur.

ICE HOCKEY

Raith may dance at last

By Robert Pryce

Raith Rovers come from Kirkcaldy, a fact that had somehow failed to lodge in Kenneth Wolstenholme's memory when the BBC teleprinter brought news of some long-forgotten Scottish FA Cup upset. "There'll be dancing in the streets of Raith tonight", he announced.

Rovers, sunk in the middle of the Scottish League seond division, are now struggling to hold the interest of Kirkaldy's sporting public, who have been diverted by the gaudy success this season of an altogether different local club. Ice hockey is now the talk of the town. If anyone is dancing in the streets of Raith tonight, it will be because the Fife Flyers will be bringing home the Autumn Cup.

The Flyers have had their moments of glory before, most recently in 1977 when they won every available title including the British championship. But the sport commands more attention now. Flyers' recent home games have attracted in excess of 3,000 spectators, or about four times the average attendance at Raith Rovers.

Three Canadian players – of a pedigree not seen in this country since the 1950's – were recruited this year: Ron Plumb, Dan Brown and Dave Stoyanovich.

BOXING

Lithgo hard to beat

Düsseldorf (Reuter) – Stewart Lithgo (Britain) and Chisanda Mutti (Zambia) meet today in the first Commonwealth title bout to take place outside the Commonwealth.

Lithgo, the Hartlepool cruiserweight, who took the title last May in Brisbane when he stopped Steve Aczel (Australia) in the eleventh round, agreed to make the first defence of his crown in West Germany because that is where Mutti is based.

The hard-working Lithgo is unlikely to make things easy for the Zambian and his forcing style means that Mutti, who packs a hard punch, will have to think in terms of finishing the contest early.

● The World Boxing Council said yesterday that the American heavyweight, Greg Page, will be removed from their rankings list for boxing in South Africa. Page challenges the South African holder, Gerrie Coetzee, for the World Boxing Association version of the title at Sun City today.

The WBC have ranked Page fifth, one place higher than his WBA listing. "The WBC cannot allow someone like Greg Page, simply for money, to promote the name of a country which denigrates the most basic principles of dignity and human rights", WBC announced

RUGBY UNION

An international recall is the incentive for Renwick

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Two of Australia's front-rank forwards, Tuynman and Codey, have not been considered by the touring party for today's game against the South of Scotland at Hawick. Both have back injuries and, since both may very well be required for the final international of the tour, against Scotland next Saturday, they are being given ample opportunity in which to recover.

Tuynman, along with Lawton and Farr-Jones, has been one of the undoubted successes of the eighth Wallabies. Only 21, he was still a schoolboy when chosen for Australia's senior side which toured New Zealand two years ago. On the current tour he has overtaken Reynolds as the international No 8, and his speed to the breakdown and his lineout jumping have greatly increased Australian options at set piece and in the loose.

It is Reynolds who plays in the back row today, however, against a South of Scotland team not unduly blessed with height in the back row. The South have incentive, though, of knowing that there are international places for the taking and that a good performance at Hawick may confirm a place at Murrayfield, in view of the number of leading players unavailable through injury.

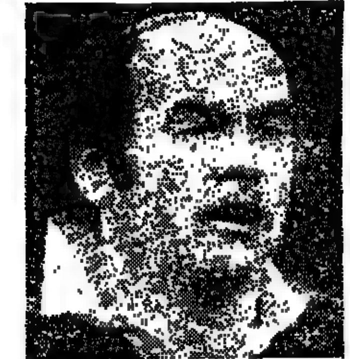
The South have been undefeated by the other Scottish districts for two seasons, though their last performance against a touring side, Stuart Wilson's All Blacks last year, was far from distinguished. Nor were they at the height of their powers in beating Glasgow 10-6 last weekend, though it is fair to say that injuries have affected many of their better players, Rutherford and Leslie for example.

They have had to adjust their front row too, after a back injury to Waite, the Kelso prop. His place goes to Nichol, who joins his Hawick colleague, Deans, against an Australian pack which contains four of the forwards who helped beat Wales. For only the second time on tour, Lynagh plays at stand-off half, the position in which he was originally selected as deputy to Ella; he played there in partnership with Farr-Jones against the South and South-West Division in the second match of the tour, which was drawn 12-12.

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The Scottish selectors may be particularly interested to see what Renwick, their most capped player, can make of today's match. With Johnston unavailable, it is possible to envisage Renwick returning for a 53rd cap after his disappointment at missing the grand slam season. It would, too, be an ideal time for Dods to indicate a return to his best form; after scoring 50 points for Scotland last season, he has lacked consistency this season and must be aware that Hastings, now of Cambridge University, is treading on his heels and will be hoping for an impressive showing in the international against Ireland.

SOUTH OF SCOTLAND: P Dods (Gala); K Thomson (Kelso), J Renwick (Hawick), R Robertson (Melrose), R Baird (Kelso); A Ker (Kelso), R Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); G Mackenzie (Selkirk), C Deans (Hawick), K Nichol (Hawick), E Paxton (Kelso), A Tomes (Hawick), T Smith (Gala), J Jeffrey (Kelso), [illegible] (Hawick). AUSTRALIAN: R Gould; P Grigg, A Slack (capt), T Lane, R Hawker; M Lynagh, N Farr-Jones; [illegible], A McIntyre, S [illegible], P Reynolds. Referee: A Trigg (England).



Renwick: in contention

Prideaux back on panel

Lawrie Prideaux, whose last major international appointment was the first of the three games between New Zealand and South Africa on the ill-starred 1981 tour, has been restored to England's international referees panel (David Hands writes). The North Midlands official replaces Tony Trigg, of the London Society.

Mr Prideaux joins Roger Quittenton (London) and Fred Howard (Liverpool) on this year's panel, the appointments being confirmed at yesterday's Rugby Union football committee meeting. His first major match, however, comes before the home international season since he is to handle the university match at Twickenham. Mr Howard made his debut in last season's Triple Crown game between Ireland and Scotland. It was Mr Prideaux's misfortune to be in charge of the game between the touring Australians and Swansea in October when the floodlighting failed, a situation he handled "with dignity" in the view of Alan Jones, Australia's coach.

TENNIS

More help on way for leading players

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

The Lawn Tennis Association's board of management, encouraged by a record profit from the Wimbledon championships, have given the national team manager, Paul Hutchins, a green light to spend more money – as long as he drives carefully.

Hutchins wants the LTA to employ an overseas coach, probably an Australian, to travel with Britain's leading players in the hope that such a Swedish-style system would transform good players into very good players. The LTA have approved the principle but have not accepted the estimated cost of an investment that would obviously be something of a gamble. They will back the idea only if an inviting package of coach and players can be devised more cheaply.

The relevant fees and expenses could amount to £150,000. But Hutchins explained yesterday that

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what he had in mind was a two-tier system. About two-thirds of the money would be needed for the upper tier: the overseas coach and the leading players. The idea must be reconsidered and its costs revised.

The second tier, Hutchins said, was "really an extension of what we do already". In 1985 a British coach will travel with three to five younger players. In addition to supporting this lower tier, the LTA have agreed to back Hutchins if he feels that a particular player needs specialized coaching. They will also give him the money for a third scheme: the part-time employment of formerly prominent players to work with trainees aged 14 to 18.

"I want to get more of the best players involved in hitting with the youngsters, training with them, and coaching them – at Bisham Abbey and Queen's Club", Hutchins said. "It's a question of making sure that the players we have got, at all ages, fulfill their potential." This last scheme and, to some extent, the other two bring to mind a recent comment by Mike Sangster, who stressed the difference between teaching people how to play tennis and teaching them how to play matches.

Hutchins cannot complain. The chief job of the LTA, after all, is to develop British tennis as a whole – which means players at schools, parks, and clubs, as well as the professional elite.

Swedes qualify

New York (AP) – Sweden's top four players, Mats Wilander, Joakim Nystrom, Henrik Sundstrom and Anders Jarryd, have qualified for the Volvo Masters championship at Madison Square Garden from January 8 to 13. They join John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl and Andres Gomez.

Miss Navratilova: Melbourne's grass suited her yesterday

Seeds' ground cut from under them

MELBOURNE (Reuter) – Three men's seeds, including the Americans, Vitas Gerulaitis and Tim Mayotte, were knocked out of the Australian open championships in the second round here yesterday.

But Ivan Lendl and Martina Navratilova, seeded to win the two singles events, both progressed with something to spare. Lendl, the beaten finalist here last year, overcame the American, Bill Scanlon, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, While Miss Navratilova easily beat her compatriot, Mary Lou Piatek, 6-2, 6-1.

Gerulaitis, the former champion and No 6 seed, was beaten 7-6, 6-4, 6-2 by Paraguay's Francisco Gonzalez, and Mayotte, a noted grass-court competitor, went down to the powerful young west German, Boris Becker, 6-4, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4.

Colin Dowdeswell, of Britian, was beaten by Joachim Nystrom, of Sweden, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4. Nystrom then expressed surprise at the Britain's tactics. "He has a strange game. He came in all the time and gave me easy targets," the Swede said.

Meanwhile, Miss Navratilova, seeded to meet Chris Lloyd in the women's final has spokenout against the decision to switch the Australian Open from grass to a hard-court surface and from November to January.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: L Bourne (US) bt M de Palmer (US), 7-5, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; K Curren (SA) bt W Masur (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; S Davis (US) bt C Lewis (NZ), 6-4, 6-2, 6-0; J Nystrom (Swe) bt C Dowdeswell (GB), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; F Edwards (SA) bt J Alexander (Aus), 7-5, 7-6, 6-4; D Cassidy (US) bt D Cahill (Aus), 7-6, 6-3, 7-6; I Lendl (Cz) bt B Scanlon (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1; G Forget (Fr) bt V Amritraj (India), 6-3, 6-1, 7-6; M Doyle (US) bt K Warwick (Aus), 7-6, 2-0, (default); B Gilbert (US) bt D Gitlin (US), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; M Mitchell (US) bt S Perkiss (Isr), 7-6, 6-1, 3-6, 7-6; F Gonzalez (Par) bt V Gerulaitis (US), 7-6, 6-4, 6-2; H Pfister (US) bt L Shiras (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; A Maurer (WG) bt P Annacone (US), 7-66, 7-6, 7-6; B Becker (WG) bt T Mayotte (US), 6-4, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt H D Beutel (WG), 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; B Testerman (US) bt M Freeman (US), 7-6, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: H Sukova (Cz) bt D Balestrat (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; P Shriver (US) bt C Vanier (Fr) 6-2, 6-1; S Walsh (US) bt G Fernandez (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; M Navratilova (US) bt M L Piatek (US) 6-7, 6-1; S Amiach (Fr) bt B Mould (SA) 6-3, 7-5; A Temesvari (Hun) bt V Wade (GB) 4-6, 6-0, 6-2. Corrected result: M Mesker (Neth) bt S Hanika (WG) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

CYCLING

Authorities separate records set at altitude

The International Cycling Union (ICU) yesterday introduced separate recognition for world records set at high altitude, the first international sports body to make the distinction.

The ruling, made on the final day of the ICU's annual congress, means the Italian rider, Francesco Moser, no longer exclusively holds the world one-hour record he set in Mexico last January.

Ironically, the ICU acted on an Italian association proposal to recognize two categories of world record – a standard mark and an altitude record for best performances set at more than 600 metres above sea-level.

The decision means Moser's one-hour record of 51.151km, set at an altitude of more than 2,000 metres in Mexico City, is now one of two official bests. The standard record reverts to Belgium's Ferdi Bracke, who covered 48.093km over 60 minutes in Rome in 1967.

Moser received two gold medals at the congress yesterday for breaking the one-hour record twice

● Sid Barras, Britain's leading road racer, will captain the 1985 Moducel professional team. His team colleagues will include the professional cyclist of the year' Steve Joughin and the national pursuit champion, Ian Banbury.

GYMNASTICS

Romanians are title favourites

By Peter Aykroyd

Romanian gymnasts return to Britain for the first time in over *three years to compete in the six-nation* Coca-Cola International today and tomorrow at Wembley.

They may win the women's overall title outright, fielding as they do the diminutive Daniela Silivas, a young performer considered to be in the same class as her renowned colleague, Ekaterina Szabo, the Olympic runner-up, and Cristina Grigoras, an experienced member of the gold medal team in Los Angeles.

Their strongest opposition may come from two leading Chinese, Ming Guiciu and Xiang Yu, respectively national No 2 and former national bronze medallist. Unfortunately, the foremost British challenger, the national champion, Natalie Davies, is injured and has withdrawn.

On the men's side, the competition is more open. On form and experience, Valentin Pintea (Romania) should dominate, but Yang Yeusheu (China) showed impressive prowess during training yesterday and will be a strong contender, along with Shinja Kanda (Japan) and Andrew Morris (Britain).

BRITISH TEAM: Men: A Morris (Swansea), B Winch (Harlow), E van Hoof (Hendon). Women: S Lamer (Bromsgrove), H Price (Wolverhampton), L Young (Telford).

CRICKET

Ghost of Fletcher's defeat hovers at Gower's shoulder

From Richard Streeton, Bombay

Although the first Test match here is being played on a spinner's pitch, it has also confirmed that England have by far the fastest bowler on either side in Norman Cowans. He bowled too full a length at times on Thursday and was duly punished, but he might yet play an important part in the series. David Gower, the England captain, said at the rest-day press conference yesterday that more than one Indian batsman looked nervous when Cowans bowled at his most hostile.

Whether Cowans's threat was a factor in India's early helter-skelter batting is hard to establish; many Indians are still blaming the influence of one-day cricket. Gower described the numerous attacking shots the Indians attempted from the start as "quite extraordinary". The Indian batsmen have been criticized by local newspapers: their critics concede it has led to a comfortable position but point out that it would have been a far stronger one if wickets had not been thrown away.

By the time these words reach English breakfast tables, it will be known whether England have forced their way back into the match by taking India's last four wickets quickly and then, in Gower's words, batting properly themselves. Gower discounted any suggestion that *England's first innings collapse* was due to emotional reaction from the murder of Mr Percy Norris, the British Deputy High Commissioner.

Gower admitted that the players had qualms about their safety before practising on Tuesday after the shooting but that by the time the match started the only nerves were of the first day of a Test match type. The setbacks were different from last week in Ahmedabad, when England lost by an innings to an Indian Under-25 XI. Then they had *been too casual: on Wedensday* the attitude was right but it had been one of those days when everything went wrong and was almost inexplicable.

A par total for the first day would have been 250 for three, but the tone had been set when Fowler gave a return catch from a full toss, which he would usually have hammered for four anywhere. Lamb had rightly tried to punish a half-volley on his legs – and had mistimed a catch to mid-on. And so it had gone on.

Gower stressed he had no wish to take anything away from Sivaramakrishnan, the leg spinner, aged 18, who had taken six wickets and had mostly kept a good line and length. England, though, had generally been able to "read" him and Gower did not think the leg spinner should have been able to take as amny wickets as he did.

Asked to compare the Indian with Abdul Qadir, Gower thought the Pakistani was the better bowler at this stage; Qadir varied his repertoire more, was harder to pick and bowled fewer bad balls.

Meanwhile, England's defeat under Keith Fletcher three years ago in the corresponding match continues to be the spectre looking over Gower's shoulder. The thought of an Indian victory in this opening Test, followed once more by a succession of dreary draws as they sit on a 1-0 lead, is dreadful to contemplate – not least for the sake of Indian cricket.

It was the sweep stroke which proved England's undoing in the 1981-82 match in Bombay and Gower admitted that the risks *inherent in the stroke* had been discussed at England team meetings. England have not agreed to discard the sweep entirely, although I suspect they will not attempt it against straight balls as Fletcher's side did. Robinson was the only batsman to fall sweeping against Sivaramakrishnan on Wednesday. He aimed it at a googly going well down the leg side and was adjudged caught behind.

SCORES: England 195 (P H Edmonds 48; L Sivaramakrishnan 6 for 64); India 268 for 6 (M Amarnath 49, R J Shastri 45 not out, S M H Kirmani 42 not out).

● Because of an error in transmission it was stated yesterday that Christopher Cowdrey had become the nineteenth English bowler to take a wicket in his first Test match. This should have read "in his first Test match over".

Haynes flies with flu

Melbourne (Reuter) – Desmond Haynes shrugged of the effects of influenza to make his highest score of the tour, 155, as the West Indians made an impressive start against Victoria here yesterday. The touring team were put in and capitalized on what proved to be a good batting pitch by scoring 330 for two.

Hayes, who shared an opening partnership of 187 with fellow-Barbadian Greenidge, was in doubt until the last minute because of his illness. "I've been taking antibiotics and nasal sprays and all kinds of things all day," Haynes said later. "When I was running up and down the wicket I was feeling very weak but I decided only to run when necessary.

Haynes faced 251 deliveries and struck 24 fours. Greenidge also looked in superb touch early on.

This is the first time this season the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) has been used for first-class cricket, with Victoria's first two Sheffield Shield games being played at Princess Park. The MCG has been criticized in recent years for its variable bounce but has been tended constantly

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

C G Greenidge b Bright	78
D L Haynes b O'Donnell	155
R B Richardson not out	61
A L Logie not out	26
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 5)	10
Total (2 wkts)	330

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-187, 2-263.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY UNION AND OTHER FIXTURES

First division

Arsenal v Luton Town
Aston Villa v Sunderland
Chelsea v Liverpool
Coventry City v Tottenham
Everton v Sheffield Wed
Ipswich Town v Southampton
Leicester City v QPR
Manchester United v Norwich City
Newcastle United v Stoke City
Watford v Nottingham Forest
West Ham United v West Bromwich

GOLA LEAGUE: Bath v Kettering; Dartford v Boston United; Enfield v Maidstone; Gateshead v Dagenham; Kidderminster v Northwich Victoria; Runcorn v Barnet; Scarborough v Nuneaton; Telford United v Barrow; Weymouth v Wealdstone; Yeovil v Altrincham.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Sutton; Bognor Regis v Carshalton Athletic; Dulwich Hamlet v Croydon; Epsom and Ewell v Windsor and Eton; Hayes v Billericay; Leytonstone and Ilford v Hitchin; Tooting and Mitcham v Bishop's Stortford; Walthamstow Avenue v Harrow; Wokingham v Hendon; Worthing v Slough Town; Wycombe Wanderers v Harlow. First division: Basildon United v Chesham United; Boreham Wood v Farnborough Town; Bromley v Oxford City; Clapton v Wembley; Hampton v Tilbury; Hornchurch v Hertford Town; Kingstonian v Aveley; Leatherhead v Staines Town; Maidenhead United v Lewes; Metropolitan Police v Walton and Hersham; St Albans City v Woking. Second division, north: Barton Rovers v Royston; Hemel Hempstead v Kingsbury; Letchworth v Wolverton; Ware v Epping. Second division, south: Hungerford v Ruislip Manor; Molesey v Feltham; Petersfield United v Horsham; Rainham v Dorking; Southall v Chertsey Town.

IRISH LEAGUE (2.15): Ards v Glentoran; Ballymena v Distillery; Carrick Rangers v Cliftonville; Crusaders v Coleraine; Linfield v Glenavon (3.0); Newry Town v Bangor; Portadown v Larne.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: A. P. Leamington v Fisher Athletic; Corby v Welling United; Crawley v King's Lynn; Folkestone v Bedworth; Gloucester v Chelmsford; Gravesend v Trowbridge; R. S. Southampton v Hastings; Willenhall v Cheltenham; Witney Town v Alvechurch. Midland division: Aylesbury United v Dudley Town; Banbury United v Merthyr Tydfil; Bromsgrove Rovers v Bridgnorth Town; Moor Green v Hednesford Town; Redditch United v Oldbury United; Stourbridge v Milton Keynes; Sutton Coldfield Town v Leicester United; Wellingborough Town v Forest Green Rovers. Southern division: Andover v Erith and Belvedere; Basingstoke Town v Dunstable; Cambridge City v Addlestone and Weybridge Town; Dorchester Town v Thanet United; Gosport Borough v Poole Town; Hillingdon v Canterbury City; Sheppey United v Ashford Town; Tonbridge AFC v Chatham Town.

FA VASE SECOND ROUND (2.0): Baldock v Berkhamsted (3.0); Beckton v Collier Row; Bracknell v Corinthian-Casuals (3.0); Cray Wanderers v Banstead; Crockenhill v Eastbourne Utd (1.45); Egham Town v Burham (3.0); Grays Athletic v Uxbridge (3.0); Heybridge Swifts v Saffron Walden (3.0); Vauxhall Motors v Flackwell Heath; Woodford Town v Leyton Wingate (3.0); Newport Pagnell v Irthlingborough Diamonds; Brimsdown v Stansted; Wivenhoe v Tring (3.0); Bury v Great Yarmouth; Eaton Bray v Sudbury; Hazells v Lowestoft; Newmarket v Braintree; Soham v Wisbech (3.0); Stevenage v Gorleston (3.0); Stowmarket v Finchley (3.0); Shortwood Utd v AFC Totton; Wallingford T v Farnham; Bristol Manor Farm v Eastleigh; Clevedon v Torrington; Hengrove Ath v Newport IOW; Larkhall Ath v Supermarine; Newbury v Exmouth (3.0); O Georgians v Devizes; Sharpness v Pirelli General; Hastings v Tunbridge Wells; Littlehampton v Harefield; Marlow v Whitehawk (3.0); Portfield v Alma Swanley; Steyning v Whyteleafe; Three Bridges v Cheshunt; Blue Star v Seaham; Brandon v Harrogate RA; Chester-le-Street v West Allotments Celtic; Whickham v Bedlington.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: first division: Bishop Auckland v Billingham; Gretna v Crook; Horden v Blyth Spartans; Ryhope v South Bank; Spennymoor v Whitby; Tow Law v Ferryhill. Cup Second round: Shildon v Peterlee.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP: Second qualifying round: Esh Winning v Consett.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Morecambe; Goole v Witton Albion; Grantham v South Liverpool; Horwich v Hyde United; Macclesfield v Chorley; Oswestry v Gainsborough; Southport v Matlock; Stafford Rangers v Marine; Workington v Buxton; Worksop v Mossley.

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Minehead; Chard v Bideford; Chippenham T v Dawlish; Clandown v Bristol City; Frome v Liskeard Athletic; Plymouth Argyle v Taunton; Saltash United v Melksham.

UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ampthill v Long Buckby; Bourne v Eynesbury; Desborough v Arlesey; Holbeach v S and L Corby; Bourne v Eynesbury; Desborough v Arlesey; Holbeach v S and L Corby; Stotfold v Raunds; St Neots v Rothwell.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Chatteris v Tiptree; Ely v Brantham; Harwich and Parkeston v Colchester; Histon v Haverhill; Felixstowe v Clacton; Thetford v March.

Second division

Barnsley v Fulham
Cardiff City v Birmingham City
Grimsby Town v Shrewsbury Town
Leeds United v Wimbledon
Middlesbrough v Crystal Palace
Notts County v Oxford United
Oldham Athletic v Manchester City
Portsmouth v Blackburn Rovers
Sheffield United v Huddersfield Town
Wolverhampton v Brighton

SUSSEX RUR CHARITY CUP: First Round: Lancing v Chichester City. Replay: Hailsham Town v Sidley United.

SUSSEX LEAGUE (2.0): First division: Arundel v Burgess Hill Town; Horsham YMCA v Eastbourne Town; Peacehaven & Telscombe v *Ringmer; Wick v Midhurst and Eastbourne* (3.0).

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Accrington Stanley v Caernarfon Town; Burscough v Prescot Cables; Congleton Town v Glossop; Lancaster City v Formby; Leek Town v Radcliffe Borough; Leyland Motors v Bootle; Penrith v Curzon Ashton; Stalybridge Celtic v St Helens Tn; Winsford v Netherfield.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold v Pontefract Cols; Belper Town v Spalding United; Bridlington Trinity v Ilkeston Town; Heanor Town v Alfreton Town; Mexborough Town v Eastwood Town; Sutton Town v Bentley Victoria.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE (2.0): Premier division: Ash United v Cranleigh; Chobham v Malden Town; Godalming v Virginia Water; Horley v BA Weybridge; Malden Vale v Southwick; Merstham v Frimley Green; Westfield v Farleigh Rovers.

HELLENIC LEAGUE (2.15): Premier division: Almondsbury Greenway v Didcot Town; Bicester Town v Abingdon Town; Fairford Town v Morris Motors; Moreton Town v Hounslow (3.0); Rayners Lane v Clanfield; Thame United v Maidenhead Town.

SPARTAN LEAGUE (2.15): Premier division: Amersham Town v Redhill (3.0); Beaconsfield United v Danson; BROB Barnet v Pennant (3.0); Hanwell Town v Edgware; Northwood v Thatcham Town (3.0); Swanley Town v Waltham Abbey.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE (2.15): Brightlingsea United v Bowers United; Canvey Island v Witham Town; Chelmsford City v Brentwood; [illegible] Ford United v East Ham United; Halstead v East Thurrock; Maldon v Eton Manor; Sawbridgeworth v Coggeshall.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Second round (2.0): Abingdon United v Wantage Town.

WILTS SENIOR CUP: Second round (2.0): Highworth v Amesbury Town.

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: First round (2.0): Bass (Alton) v Fleet Town; Folland Sports v Cowes; Portals Athletic v Hartley Wintney.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First Division: Arsenal v Watford; Cambridge United v Tottenham; Charlton v Southend; Chelsea v Queen's Park Rangers; Fulham v Portsmouth; Millwall v Ipswich Town; Norwich City v West Ham United; Orient v Gillingham. Second Division: Luton v Oxford United; Southend v Brighton; Swindon v West Ham United; Tottenham v Wimbledon.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Charlton; Crystal Palace v Portsmouth (2.0); Norwich v Arsenal (2.0); Queen's Park Rangers v Reading (2.0); Southampton V Chelsea (2.0); Tottenham v Watford (2.0) postponed: Luton v Swindon; Oxford V Millwall.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwoods v Malvernians; Carthusians v Westminsters; Chigwellians v Aldenhamians; First division: Citizens v Ardinians; Etonians v Reptonians; Harrovians v Wellingburians.

Third division

Bradford City v Bournemouth
Brentford v Bolton Wanderers
Bristol City v Lincoln City
Cambridge United v Derby County
Gillingham v Preston North End
Millwall v Burnley
Newport County v Doncaster Rovers
Swansea City v Plymouth Argyle
Walsall v Rotherham United
Wigan Athletic v Hull City
York City v Reading

RUGBY UNION

B INTERNATIONAL

Ireland v Scotland at Galway, 2.30.

TOUR MATCH

South of Scotland v Australia (at Hawick, 2.00).

JOHN PLAYER CUP

Second round:
Bedford v Barker's Butts
Blackheath v Sutton & Epsom (2.15)
Hartlepool Rovers v Aspatria (2.15)
Havant v Berry Hill (2.15)
Lichfield v Stourbridge (2.15)
Nuneaton v Wakefield
Oxford OB v Lydney (2.15)
Redruth v Crawley (2.15)
Rosslyn Park v North Walsham
Sidcup v Old Redcliffians (2.15)

CLUB MATCHES

Birmingham v Penarth (2.30)
Bridgend v Abertillery
Bristol v Newport
Cambridge Univ v Nottingham
Coventry v Richmond
Edinburgh Wdrs v Watsonians (2.15)
Fylde v Birkenhead Park (2.15)
Gloucester v Leicester
Halifax v Rugby (2.30)
Headingley v Moseley (2.30)
Heriot's FP v Edinburgh Acads (2.15)
Jed-Forest v Langholm (2.15)
Liverpool v Saracens (2.30)
London Scottish v Bath (2.30)
London Welsh v Aberavon (2.15)
Maesteg v Ebbw Vale
Melrose v Kelso (2.15)
Metro Police v London Irish (2.30)
Middlesbrough v Broughton Park (2.15)
Newbridge v Cross Keys
Northampton v Llanelli
Northern v Gala (2.15)
Orrell v Neath (2.30)
Oxford Univ v Berkshire (2.15)
Pontypool v Glamorgan Wdrs
Roundhay v Waterloo (2.15)
Royal High v Boroughmuir (2.15)
Sale v Pontypridd (2.45)
Swansea v Cardiff
Vale of Lune v Cheltenham (2.15)
West of Scotland v Gosforth (2.15)

DORSET & WILTS CUP: Second round: Marlborough v Bournemouth; North Dorset v Dorchester; Poole v Salisbury; Sherborne v Chippenham; Supermarine v Weymouth; Swanage & Wareham v Wimborne; Swindon v Warminster; Wootton Bassett v Puddletown.

Fourth division

Aldershot v Hartlepool United
Blackpool v Mansfield Town
Bury v Torquay United
Chester v Rochdale
Chesterfield v Stockport County
Colchester United v Peterborough
Exeter City v Crewe Alexandra
Northampton v Hereford United
Southend United v Tranmere Rovers

Scottish premier division

Celtic v Dundee
Dundee United v Rangers
Hearts v Aberdeen
Morton v Hibernian
St Mirren v Dumbarton

Scottish first division

Airdrieonians v Kilmarnock
Brechin City v St Johnstone
Clyde v Falkirk
Clydebank v East Fife
Forfar Athletic v Hamilton
Meadowbank v Motherwell
Partick Thistle v Ayr United

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v Stirling Albion
Alloa Athletic v Stranraer
Berwick v East Stirling
Dunfermline v Arbroath
Montrose v Cowdenbeath
Queen's Park v Queen of South
Raith Rovers v Stenhousemuir

HOCKEY

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Fords; Blueharts v Cambridge City; Harleston Magpies v Broxbourne; Ipswich v St Neots; Norfolk Wanders v Brentwood; Norwich Grasshoppers v Long Sutton; Old Loughtonians v Cambs Nomads; Westcliff v Bedford.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Second round: Leeds v Wigan (2.15).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division (8.0): Leicester v Warrington; Telford v Worthing; Hemel/Watford Royals v Doncaster; Solent Stars v Bolton; Sunderland Maestros v Bracknell Pirates. Second division: Brunel Ducks Uxbridge v Colchester; Calderdale Explorers v Camden. Women's league, first division: Enfield Browns v Sheffield Hatters (6.0); Bolton v London YMCA (6.0); Worthing Wasps v Kingston (4.0).

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Heaton Mersey; Mellor v Old Hulmeians; Old Waconians v Sheffield; Sheffield University v Old Stopfordians; South Manchester & Wythenshawe v Timperley.

ICE HOCKEY

BLUECOL CUP: Final: Durham Wasps v Fife Flyers (at Streatham, 1.0).

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers v Southampton Vikings (6.30); Nottingham Panthers v Murrayfield Racers (6.30); Dundee Rockets v Whitley Warriors (5.30).

TOMORROWS FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

FOURTH DIVISION: Darlington v Swindon (3.00).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Second round: Bradford Northern v St Helens (3.30); Bramley v Whitehaven (3.30); Dewsbury v Runcorn Highfield (3.30); Halifax v Castleford (3.00); Hull v Oldham (3.00); Hull Kingston Rovers v Rochdale Hornets (3.00); Widnes v Featherstone Rovers (3.00); Second division: Blackpool Borough v Bridgend (2.30); Huddersfield v Wakefield Trinity (3.30); Keighley v Mansfield Marksman (3.15); Sheffield Eagles v Batley (2.30).

RUGBY UNION

ESSEX CUP: Third round: Campion v Woodford; Eton Manor v Rochford Hundred; Ilford v Chelmsford; PLA v East London; Romford & Gidea Park v Chingford; Southend v Old Westcliffians; Thurrock v Old Bealonians; Upminster v Harlow.

HAMPSHIRE CUP: Second round: Alton v Esso (Fawley); Basingstoke v Rushmoor; Petersfield v Sandown & Shanklin; Portsmouth v Eastleigh; Southampton v Gosport & Fareham; Trojans v Jersey; Winchester v US Portsmouth.

MIDDLESEX CUP: Third round: Barclays Bank v St Bartholomew's Hospital; Ealing v Old Millhillians; Grasshoppers v West London Inst; Old Gaytonians v Orleans FP; Old Kingsburians v Lensbury; Old Meadonians v Mill Hill; Ruislip v OMT; Southall College of Technology v Staines; Twickenham v Civil Service; Uxbridge v Hendon.

CORNWALL CUP: Second round: Camborne v Newquay Hornets (2.45).

CORNWALL MINES CUP: Wheal Jane v Camborne SOM (11.0). TRUMAN MERIT TABLE: Old Freemens v Old Pelhamians.

COUNTY UNDER-21 MATCH: Herts v Bucks (Slough, 2.15).

SCHOOLS SEVENS: Pinkie Loretto prep *school competition (10.45).*

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (4.0): First division: Kingston v Bolton (4.0). Second division: Swindon Rakers v Sandwell; Nottingham v Stoke Potters; Tower Hamlets v Tyneside. Anglo-Scottish Cup, First round: Warrington and Liverpool Vikings v Manchester Giants. Women's League, first division: London Bobcats v Bolton (2.0); Northampton v Bath (3.30); Nottingham v Solent (2.0).

HOCKEY

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: West: Newquay v Firebrands; Weymouth v Isca; Plymouth v Bournemouth; Bristol University v Swindon; Cheltenham v Marlborough; Bream v Hereford. Midlands: Northampton Saints v Stone; Edgbaston v Leicester Westleigh. Plate matches: Chesterfield v Stone; Telford and Shifnal v Pickwick.

COUNTY MATCHES: Buckinghamshire v Middlesex (at Bisham Abbey, 2.15); Essex A v Cambridgeshire A (Witham, 2.15); Leicestershire A v Lincolnshire A (Egerton Park, Melton Mowbray); Northamptonshire U-21 v Cambridgeshire U-21 (Northampton). Surrey U-21 v Essex U-21 (Kennington Park, 2.15).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES (2.15): Army v Purley (at Officers' Club Ground, Aldershot); RAF v Northamptonshire (at RAF Cranwell); Sussex U-21 v Royal Navy U-21 (at Middleton HC).

EAST CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals (1.45): Cambridge City v Old Loughtonians; Long Sutton v Bishop's Stortford; Peterborough v Bury St Edmunds; St Albans v Norfolk Wanderers.

KENT CUP: First round: Anchorians v Blackheath (1.45); Folkestone Optimists v Tonbridge; Gore Court v Bromley.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East (at Norwich Union Sports Ground, Norwich): Huntingdonshire v Cambridgeshire; Norfolk v Lincolnshire.

WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCH: Kent v Sussex (at Polo Farm, Canterbury).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Bedford College v WRAF.

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Johnson may find Klammer on the slide

By Richard Williams

The spectacular late-season schuss that took Bill Johnson, the downhill racer from California, to three World Cup victories and an Olympic gold medal last winter had the additional benefit of setting up the new Alpine season, which opens this weekend with slalom races in the Italian resorts of Courmayeur and Sestriere.

Johnson's well-publicized rivalry with Franz Klammer, the great Australian champion, is the cutting edge of the challenge offered by the brash 24-year-old to the European teams over a season which, in addition to the World Cup (*sponsored this year by BASF*), includes the world championships.

Klammer v Johnson is the sort of confrontation that puts smiles on the faces of television schedulers and equipment salesmen. A final shoot-out at the world championships in Bormio in the first week of February would deliver the kind of audiences that tuned in to Lauda v Prost at Estoril a few weeks ago.

The climax of this particular script, howevr, may have been timed a little too late for Klammer. Celebrating his 31st birthday on Monday, with 11 seasons of triumph, failure and renaissance at the highest level behind him, he may no longer be able to summon up the motivation that brought him the 1976 Olympic gold and five World Cup titles.

Johnson took the first World Cup downhill victory for a United States skier in the Lauberhorn at Wengen in January with a run which featured a lurid recovery from a near-fall entering the home stretch, almost a parody of Klammer's windmilling all-knees-and-elbows approach.

That, however, was quite out of character. Johnson had skimmed into the top flight showing an unusually quiet style, based on a natural ability to keep his skis running flat – and therefore fast – and on a tuck position so tight (it was developed in a wind tunnel) that in television long-shot he often looked like a small blob of mercury, not an edge or an angle to be seen.

Hidden from the television audience, Johnson's final advantage was bestowed by the ministrations of his ski "tuner", Blake Lewis, aged 28, a former downhill racer whose dedication to the arts of sandpaper and wax is an important factor in Johnson's remarkable glide speed.

Now that Johnson has proved his ability to win on any course in any conditions, he will start the new season as a firm favourite for the downhill title. Klammer will almost certainly give him a fight on the vertiginous drops and fierce, icy turns of Kitzbühel's Streif course in the Hahnenkamm trophy, which provided the Austrian with his only victory last season, but the bulk of Johnson's opposition will be formed by younger men on the way up.

Close to the front should be two of Klammer's team colleagues: Helmut Hoeflehner, aged 24, who finished last season with a 1-5-2-2 sequence, and Anton Steiner, one year older, who won the combined downhill and slalom event at Kitzbühel last year.

Pirmin Zurbriggen, aged 20, the Swiss all-rounder who won last year's overall World Cup title, has said that he hopes to finish in the top three in all the Alpine disciplines, while Todd Brooker will be hoping to uphold the honour of the Canadians now that Steve Podborski has joined Ken Read in retirement.

Among the slalom specialists, following the retirement of the gold-and-silver Mahre twins, Ingemar Stenmark, the Swedish veteran, will be hoping to improve on a sequence of five second places in the overall World Cup by adding a fourth title to those he won between 1976-78, exclusion from the Olympic Games in Sarajevo.

The women's events will be more noticeably affected by close-season retirements, for we have seen the last of Hanni Wenzel (Liechenstein), Irene Epple (West Germany) and Gerry Sorensen (Canada).

Joining such established stars as Erika Hess and Maria Walliser (Switzerland), Marie-Cécile Gros-Gaudenier (France) and Tamara McKinney (United States) are the three young women who took the gold medals in Sarajevo: Michela Figini, aged 18, the Swiss downhiller; Paoletta Magoni, aged 20, the Italian slalom champion; and Debbie Armstrong, of the United States, also aged 20, who took the giant slalom title.

All the top seeded competitors can look forward to a season beginning today with a women's slalom and stretching away to its finale, a men's race at Heavenly Valley, on the California/Nevada border, in March. For the British team, however, the future is less clearly defined. Seven weeks' glacier training in Austria and France has given the coaches – Alan Stewart, John Clark and Franz Oberleitner – the minimum of preparation with the hopeful successors to Galica and Bartelski, the most promising among them being the Bell brothers, Martin, aged 19, who took a memorable fourteenth place at Val Gardena last year, and Graham, two years his junior, and two Scots, aged 20, Clare Booth and Lesley Beck.

Their participation in all events up to and including the world championships is assured. But at Bormio, unless the British Ski Federation can find a main sponsor, their winter on the "white circus" will come to a premature end.

Lack of snow causes World Cup problems

Courmayeur, Italy (Reuter) – Snow has been brought in for the opening of the women's World Cup Alpine season here today, and warm weather and rain have forced the organizers to set the slalom course 1,000 metres higher than usual.

The snow has been transferred from neighbouring pistes, leaving the 67 competitors with a rough, demanding course.

Lack of snow at the French resort of Val d'Isère yesterday caused the first women's World Cup downhill race of the season next Wednesday to be switched to Puy Saint-Vincent. The organizers will decide today about three men's World Cup races due to be held in Val d'Isère from Thursday to Saturday.

RACING: JAMESMEAD CAN ENHANCE TRIUMPH HURDLE CLAIMS IN THREE-YEAR-OLD CHAMPIONSHIP

YACHTING

Organizers object to British catamaran

From Barry Pickthall
Marina Benalmadena

Thirty-three yachts, including a magnificant Spanish-built replica of the 89ft schooner, America, set sail from Marina Benalmadena, on the Costa del Sol, at noon today on a 4,500-mile transatlantic dash to Santo Domingo, Haiti, in pursuit of prize-money of more than £110,000.

This inaugural race, called the Route of Discovery, has been arranged to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to the Americas, and has attracted many of the top French multihulls, together with Robin Knox-Johnston and his latest 60ft catamaran, British Airways I.

For Knox-Johnston, the sole British entrant, this is a proving trial for his 60ft McAlpine Downie design, which was commissioned in London three weeks ago. The craft dwarfs her nearest French rivals in terms of freeboard, and gives the impression of being one of the most sturdy in the fleet, but this has not stopped the French committee from insisting that plywood covers be fitted over the yacht's deck hatches, and that the forward trampoline netting strung between the bows be significantly strengthened.

Knox-Johnston, the first non-solo circumnavigator of the world, eventually agreed, after some argument, to find wood to fit over the Lewmar deck hatches, but last night was still refusing to do anything about the netting, saying that it was quite adequate and impossible to replace by the 6pm deadline last night.

This race is also a first test for six monohulls and their crews entered in next year's Whitbread round-the-world race. These include the Dutch entry, Philips Innovator, skippered by Dirk Nauta; Marie Brizard, formerly Charles Heidsieck, which is being crewed by seven French girls; two Spanish yachts, Fortuna Lights and Licor 43; the Swan 651, Fazar, skippered by Michael Berner.

HOCKEY

Doubt over goalkeeper

By Sydney Friskin

David Aldridge, who has been capped 15 times for Great Britain and 26 times for England, is in the Norfolk Wanderers squad for the club championship eastern division match at St Albans tomorrow. This is one of four games being played in this division, the winners in each case qualifying for the national rounds. The four losers play off on December 9 to find the fifth qualifier.

Among the other long-serving Wanderers players is Ian Phoenix, their sweeper full back, formerly of London University. They have two rising young prospects from Kenya, Sunil Sharma in midfield and his brother Anil at forward. St Albans have a couple of problems in defence, with Hurst, their No 1 goalkeeper, and Ashby, a versatile deep defender, on the doubtful list. Hurst may not have recovered from a virus infection, and Ashby has been nursing a leg injury. Still, St Albans are well equipped in attack and defence.

In the Midlands, Leicester Westleigh, who are away at Edgbaston, have strong attacking resources which include Suki Obhi, formerly from the England Under-21 squad, at centre forward, and Patel.

RACKETS

Prenn needs to work hard to catch Boone

William Boone's world championship challenge concludes today at Queen's Club, where he begins with a 4-2 (82 points to 60) advantage over John Prenn after the first leg in Montreal last Saturday (William Stephens writes). Boone needs to win only three more games, so the early stages will be crucial

Boone began aggressively in Montreal, serving brilliantly and hitting low, while Prenn began diffidently, playing safe shots when he had the chance to play winners. However after an hour's stoppage because the court has become slippery from condensation Prenn resumed confidently, hitting with full pace.

If Prenn can take the game to Boone instead of playing a defensive role he has a chance. Of the maximum best-of-seven games he must win four, but even if Boone secures two games to level at 6-6 he can still win on points difference.

REAL TENNIS

Davies faces Ronaldson

Wayne Davies will meet Chris Ronaldson in the open singles championship final, Sponsored by George Wimpey, at Queen's Club tomorrow (William Stephens writes).

Davies defeated Colin Lumley yesterday by 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 in an absorbing contest of touch play. Each sought to out-manoeuvre the other in a pattern of calculated moves like physical chess. Lumley managed several times to draw Davies towards the net and put the ball past him down the walls, but Davies was the more consistent

Ronaldson, in top form, beat Lachlan Deuchar.

Semi-finals: W F Davies (New York) bt C J Lumley (unatt) 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; C J Ronaldson (Hampton Court) bt L Deuchar (Hampton Court) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

JUDO

Miss Briggs on trial at 52kg

Britain's world bantamweight champion, Karen Briggs, of Hull, takes on a new challenge this weekend when she contests the national trials at Crystal Palace in a higher category: featherweight (Philip Nicksan writes).

"I have decided to fight at 52 kilos now because I have done everything I can at 48k and I need a change, a new incentive", Miss Briggs said.

Today's senior trails for men and women will see only the top four qualify for the national squad. The junior trials take place tomorrow.

Inexperience no obstacle to Centroline in Mecca Hurdle

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Centroline appears to have a sporting chance of winning the difficult Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park today. A good horse on the Flat - he was runner-up in the Ebor Handicap at York this summer, besides winning a valuable handicap at Doncaster and finishing fourth in the Irish St Leger - Centroline has only limited experience of hurdling. However his trainer, Chris Bell, still believes he is gifted enough to overcome his inexperience and make his class tell with only 10st 1lb on his back.

Robin Wonder, Ballydurrow and Rushmoor are the best of the campaigners in the field, but the handicapper seems to have got to grips with them. So I am looking to Rose Ravine, Star of Screen and Prideaux when the race finally comes to the boil. Michael Seely, my colleague drew attention to the good chance that Prideaux Boy has yesterday but I just prefer Centroline.

If Rose Ravine runs well, over a distance that is basically shorter than her trainer Fulke Walwyn considers ideal, she will draw attention to the seemingly excellent chance my nap, Bolands Cross has of winning the Doug Barrott Handicap Hurdle later in the day. At Newbury, eight days ago, Bolands Cross had Rose Ravine three lengths behind when he won a handicap hurdle over two and a half miles in heavy ground. That performance pointed to him being in his element over two miles and five furlongs today and capable of making light of his penalty in the capable hands of Richard Linley

Earliar in the afternoon John Francome can continue his triumphant march by winning the Henry VIII Novices' Chase on Hazy Sunset, as well as the Tingle Creek Handicap Chase on Little Bay. There is plenty of evidence to support the view that that enigmatic character Little Bay goes far better for Francome than anyone else. Now he can prove the point by beating Kilbrittain Castle and Far Bridge.

In the Mecca Bookmaker' Three-Year-Old Championship the champion jockey will be on Tamino, a recent expensive buy by Fred Winter on behalf of Mrs Miles Valentine out of Henry Cecil's Flat stable. On this occasion, though, I prefer Jamesmead, who impressed when winning his only race under National Hunt rules at Ascot in some style.

The 1973 Grand National hero, Corbiere, will have his third race of the current season in the Ewell Handicap Chase, but here I prefer Why Forget, who made Righthand Man pull out all the stops at Haydock

At Newcastle it is hard to escape the view that the Easterby family are set for a field day. Mick can win the Billy Bow Handicap Hurdle for Lord Belper with Mick's Star, who ran so promisingly in his first race of the season at Market Rasen, while Peter should collect prizes later in the afternoon with Karenomore (1.45) and Carneades (3.15).

Earls Brig, who unseated his rider in last Saturday's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, makes a quick reappearance in the Ladbroke Trophy Chase, in which he still appears to have the measure of Hardy Lad, judged on their earlier form.

Finally, the conditions of the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow look tailor-made to suit Tom's Little Al.

Greenwood Lad (right) getting the better of Burnt Oak in a keen duel at Sandown (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Gifford's spirits raised by double

By Michael Seely

Josh Gifford came in from the cold with a 77-1 double at Sandown yesterday. A 27 blank day spell endured by the Findon trainer since Door Latch and Up and Down won on November 3 ended with the victories of Lucky Rascal and Greenwood Lad.

Ridden by Mark Palmer, Lucky Rascal ended the unbeaten run of Hypnotic in the Malden Timber Novices' Hurdle qualifier. The 5-4 on favourite faltered briefly in the lead at the second flight from home, but then found the weight concession of 10lb to his rivals taking its toll. Lucky Rascal won by two lengths from Ashlone, who rallied to take second place on the flat.

No excuses were offered for Hypnotic, who just as when winning at Ascot became overexcited in the paddock beforhand. "That was disappointing," said Kevin Mooney, "the strange thing is that he was winning all the way round the course."

A name to note for the future, however, is that of Emerald Watson. Fred Winter's wimmer of an amateur riders race at Kelso last season was travelling smoothly just behind the leaders when he blundered his chance away at the third hurdle from home before recovering to finish fifth.

Gifford's gloomy forecast that Greenwood Lad had no chance of reversing recent Ascot placings with Areus in the Pond Handicap Chase were proved gloriously wrong after a race of fluctuating fortunes. After Master Tercel had slipped up on the flat round the bend into the straight, Burnt Oak had a slight advantage over Areus and Greenwood Lad at the third fence from home. Jumping the last in the lead, Greenwood Lad stormed up the hill to beat Burnt Oak by three lengths with Areus a disappointing 20 lengths away third.

At Ascot last January yesterday's winner had come to grief in the Embassy Premier Chase final when upsides Ballincurra Lad. "He'd be top class if he didn't let his nerves get the better of him," said Gifford. "Richard Rowe said he was remembering his fall here earlier his season until he survived the Pond fence the first time round. After that he began to put his act together."

Favourite backers started the afternoon on a bad note when Brown Trix could only finish second to Drumadowney in the Crowngap Novices' Chase. Tim Forster's recent Cheltenham winner jumped like the proverbial stag over the difficult Sandown fences for Hywel Davies before drawing clear in the straight to beat the favourite by 10 lengths, the well fancied Buckbe having departed from the scene at the 14th fence. Brown Trix spoiled his chances with a blunder at the third jump and did well to finish so close.

Since being fitted with blinkers for the first time at Cheltenham, Drumadowney has taken on a new lease of life. "He now has the remarkable record of having won three times and having been pulled up three times in his last six outings", said Forster afterwards.

The riding performance of the afternoon was put up by John Hurst on Beau Ranger in a two-horse affair for the Crowngap Handicap Chase, the 100-30 on favourite was travelling smoothly in the lead when he slipped and nearly fell at the third last fence. After Hurst had staged a remarkable recovery Beau Ranger recovered to beat Drumgrora pointless.

Beau Ranger is now unbeaten in four races this season and is to carry his penalty in the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup at Cheltenham next Saturday. "He's been improving all season", said John Thorne, the winner trainer. "I'll let him carry his penalty at Cheltenham before giving him a rest", he said.

Fred Winter received some consolation for his disappointments with Brown Trix and Emerald Watson when Sutton Prince, and Richard Linley, won the Winter Hurdle race. Rhoecus, the 7-4 favourite, was travelling easily at the second fence from home but hung to the right when Graham Bradley asked the Northern challenger to go and win his race.

Sutton Prince has now won his last three starts over hurdles for Shaikh Ali abu Khasin. "He was sent to me from Les Kennard's stable", said Winter. "He won novice chases last season and I suddenly noticed that he was still a maiden over hurdles."

This afternoon, at Sandown Prideaux Boy is napped to win the Mecca Bookmakers' Handicap Hurdle for Graham Roach.

King's Lake foals bought for Manton

Bloodstock sales by Simon O'Loughlin

The build-up to Michael Dickinson's first season on the Flat in 1986 started in earnest at the Newmarket December sales yesterday when Robert Sangster splashed out more than £400,000 on two King's Lake foals – both earmarked for his new trainer at Manton.

The more expensive of these, a 210,000 guineas colt from Doneen Stud in Co Limerick, brought the second highest price ever paid for a foal sold at auction in England.

Sangster revealed that he had bought five other American-bred foals for Dickinson in a private deal in Lexington last week, and a bemused Dickinson said: "This is all news to me." The foals will be reared at Sangster's Swettenham Stud in Cheshire until ready to go into training.

Yesterday's King's Lake colt was knocked down to Sangster's agent, Pat Hogan, sitting alongside Dickinson, who proved too strong for fellow agent, David Minton, acting for Shaikh Mohammed.

The bay colt is from the second crop of the 1981 Irish 2,000 Guineas winner.

The foal's dam, the 18-year-old St Paddy mare, St Padina, Has bred two listed race winners in Double Lock and Turn The Key, the latter scoring in the Ebbisham Handicap at Epsom this week.

The colt was one of six foals submitted by Steven Stanhope from Doneen Stud and the consignment made 318,900 guineas. But this total was bettered by Mr and Mrs Dare Wigan who received 180,000 guineas apiece for two choice fillies from their West Blagdon Stud, in Dorset.

Pat Hogan outbid Susan Piggott to secure for Sangster their chestnut King's Lake filly out of Gliting – the foal being a half sister to that useful juvenile Hadeer – and Hamish Alexander fought off Seamus Burns for an Indial King filly, the first foal of Bassenthwaite's half sister, Glancing.

Later, the last foal to be offered at auction by the deceased Troy made 210,000 guineas to the bid of David Minton, who was successful this time for Shaikh Mohammed.

● The five yearlings submitted on Thursday by John Parker, the Pulborough breeder fetched 53,200 guineas, not 453,200 guineas as stated yesterday.

SANDOWN PARK (ITV)

[Televised: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30]

GOING: good to soft

Tote double: 2.0, 3.0. Treble: 1.30, 2.30, 3.30

1.0 HENRY VIII NOVICE CHASE (£3,603: 2m 18yd) (6 runners)

101 11 BRIGHT MORNING (M Stonor) D Grissell 6-11-4 ... J Akehurst
102 112114 FREIGHT FORWARDER (Britannic Shipping) A Pitt 10-11-4 ... G McCourt
103 42111-4 HAZY SUNSET (BF) (C Cronin F Winter 7-10-12 ... J Francome
104 p-34030 MOUNTVILLE (R Varney) R Hoad 5-10-12 ... NON-RUNNER
105 /00p-12 OUR FUN (M Tabor) J Gifford 7-10-12 ... R Rowe
106 4/0000- SLIM BOY (Mrs C Williams) M Haynes 7-10-12 ... –

1983: Meeting abandoned – frost.

5-4 Hazy Sunset, 5-2 Freight Forwarder, 9-2 Bright Morning, 8 Our Fun, 25 Slim Boy.

Sandown selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Hazy Sunset. 1.30 Little Bay. 2.0 Centroline. 2.30 Jamesmead. 3.0 Why Forget. 3.30 BOLANDS CROSS (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.0 PRIDEAUX BOY (nap). 3.0 Why Forget. 3.30 Bolands Cross.

1.30 TINGLE CREEK HANDICAP CHASE (£6,837: 2m 18yd) (4)

202 32-3122 LITTLE BAY (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 9-11-7 ... J Francome
204 0/11-33 KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (CD) (BF) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 8-10-0 ... K Mooney
205 1321-14 FAR BRIDGE (CD) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 8-10-0 ... B Reilly
206 p0111-9 LEFT BANK (CD) (G Beccle) D Morley 6-10-0 ... R Linley

6-4 Little Bay, 9-4 Kilbrittain Castle, 3 Far Bridge, 6 Left Bank.

FORM: LITTLE BAY (12-0) 8l 2nd of 5 to Artifice (10-3) at Ascot (2m ch, £6,426, good to soft, Nov 17). KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (11-2) 6½l 3rd to 5 to Restless Shot (10-5) at Newbury (2m ch, £3,629, soft, Nov 24) with FAR BRIDGE (11-0) 2l away 4th. FAR BRIDGE (10-3) beat LITTLE BAY (11-12) short head over today's course and distance (£4,856, firm, Nov 3, 4 ran) with KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (10-6) ¾l away 3rd. LEFT BANK (11-5) 27½l last of 5 to Carved Opal (11-9) at Huntingdon on Tuesday (2m 4f ch, £3,609, soft).
Selection: KILBRITTAIN CASTLE.

2.0 MECCA BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£11,444: 2m) (15)

301 406-213 ROBIN WONDER (D) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 6-11-10 ... R Arnott 7
302 1080-12 BALLYDURROW (D) (T Glendinning) R Fisher 7-11-9 ... J Francome
303 42011-1 RUSHMOOR (CD) (J Ennis) R Peacock 6-11-9 ... R Linley
304 284-840 JADE AND DIAMOND (D) (R Lavelle) G Balding 6-11-1 ... R Chapman 4
305 322-022 MARSHELL KEY (D) (R Gunner) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 ... M Pitman 7
306 12112-2 ROSE RAVINE (D) (BF) (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 5-10-12 ... R Pusey 4
307 0021-00 WHOLE SHEBANG (D) (R Bartholomew) A Turnell 5-10-7 ... Steve Knight
308 110-3 STAR OF SCREEN (D) (Mrs J Dyson) J Edwards 4-10-5 ... P Barton
310 2004-1f PRIDEAUX BOY (D) (C Roach) C Roach 6-10-3 ... R Dunwoody
311 3130-22 HIZ (CD) (Mrs G McFerran) J Dudgeon 6-10-3 ... M Richards
312 210- CENTROLINE (A Bingley) C A Bell 6-10-1 ... H Davies
313 34401-3 MISTER GOLDEN (D) (N Cohen) F Winter 4-10-1 ... B de Haan
314 110-303 IL PONTEVECCHIO (D) (Mrs J Murray-Smith) D Murray-Smith 4-10-0 ... C Brown
315 110-012 RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (D) (P Byrne) J Jenkins 4-10-0 ... –
317 210-413 ROYAL BRIGADIER (CD) (G Moses) G Balding 4-10-0 ... G Charles-Jones 4

4 Ballydurrow, 5 Robin Wonder, 6 Prideaux Boy, 8 Rose Ravine, Centroline, 10 Rhythmic Pastimes, 14 Hiz, Marshell Key, Rushmoor, 16 Mister Golden, Jade And Diamond, 20 others.

FORM: ROBIN WONDER (11-2) 8¾l 3rd of 5 to Gaye Brief (10-11) at Ascot (2m 4f hdle, £9,768, good, Nov 16); previously (11-11) beat MARSHELL KEY (10-6) 3l at Cheltenham (2m hdle, £7,459, soft, Nov 10, 9 ran). JADE AND DIAMOND (11-3) 5½l away 4th, IL PONTEVECCHIO (10-0) 3l away 5th and WHOLE SHEBANG (10-10) last (finished lame). BALLYDURROW (11-0) 6l 2nd of 8 to Browne's Gazette (11-8) at Newcastle (2m hdle, £9,986, heavy, Nov 17). RUSHMOOR (10-10) made all when beating Cut A Dash (10-10) ¾l over today's course and distance (£6,767, good to soft, Nov 3, 3 ran). ROSE RAVINE (11-5) 3l 2nd of 15 to Bolands Cross (10-5) at Newbury (2m 4f hdle, £2,302, heavy, Nov 23) with JADE AND DIAMOND (11-13) 18l away 6th. HIZ (11-6) 8l 2nd of 9 to Southernair (2m 2f hdle, £3,882, soft, Nov 20) with STAR OF SCREEN (11-10) 20l away 3rd. PRIDEAUX BOY faller 2 out at Wincanton when every chance; previously (11-10) beat Cocaine (11-5) ¾l at Wincanton (2m hdle, £1,615, good to firm, Nov 1, 13 ran). RHYTHMIC PASTIMES (11-3) 20l 2nd of 6 to Northern Trial (10-13) at Leicester (2m hdle, £2,088, soft, Nov 19).
Selection: RUSHMOOR.

2.30 MECCA BOOKMAKERS THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP (£5,951: 2m) (12)

401 443211 BEAT THE RETREAT (D) (D Steele) J Jenkins 11-4 ... S Smith Eccles
402 1 JAMESMEAD (D) (L Becker) D Elsworth 11-4 ... C Brown
404 ACE OF SPIES (D Horswell) L Kennard 11-0 ... B Powell
405 2103 BALUCHI (S) (D) (D Squire) B Preece 11-0 ... R Strange
406 01 BIGEE (CD) (P Kearney) D Oughton 11-0 ... P Double
407 41 CROCSOX (Primeast Ltd) H O'Neill 11-0 ... M Hammond
408 DUELLING (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 11-0 ... G McCourt
409 121 FREEFLOW (D) (G Richards) G Richards 11-0 ... J Hansen
411 00 STAMPY (Mrs J Stamp) J Bridger 11-0 ... A Jones
412 30 SUPER EXPRESS (R Bishop & Son Ltd) R Smyth 11-0 ... C Furlong
413 TAMINO (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 11-0 ... J Francome
414 1 WING AND A PRAYER (D) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 11-0 ... A Carroll

11-4 Jamesmead, 4 Tamino, 9-2 Wing And A Prayer, 5 Freeflow, 7 Beat The Retreat, 9 Bigee, 12 Duelling, Crocsox, 14 others.

FORM: BEAT THE RETREAT (10-12) beat Inset Lady (10-7) 8l at Nottingham (2m hdle, £2,729, good, Nov 23, 14 ran). JAMESMEAD (11-1) beat Liner (11-1) 8l at Ascot (2m hdle, £3,511, good to soft, Nov 17, 14 ran) with OUT OF THE GLOOM (11-1) 4l away 3rd and SUPER EXPRESS (11-1) further 23l away 5th. BIGEE (10-10) beat BEAT THE RETREAT (11-2) 6l over today's course and distance (£1,878, good to soft, Nov 3, 16 ran) with SUPER EXPRESS (10-10) 3l away 3rd. CROCSOX (11-0) beat Participation (11-0) short head at Newbury (2m hdle, £1,284, good, Nov 7, 11 ran). FREEFLOW (10-4) beat Bambrook Again (11-4) 12l at Haydock (2m 4f hdle, £1,744, soft, Nov 22, 10 ran) with BALUCHI (11-0) 8l away 3rd. WING AND A PRAYER (10-10) beat Noble Jack (11-0) 30l at Kempton (2m hdle, good to soft, Nov 8, 13 ran).
Selection: WING AND A PRAYER.




David Elsworth and Colin Brown, who team up for the fancied Jamesmead (2.30) at Sandown

3.0 EWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,700: 3m 5f 18yd) (10)

502 2823-44 CORBIERE (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-7 ... B de Haan
503 000/4-p SHADY DEAL (CD) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 11-11-2 ... R Rowe
505 002-012 WHY FORGET (R Bell Ltd) W A Stephenson 8-10-6 ... Mr P J Dun 4
506 1p/01p4 SEAMUS O'FLYNN (J White) C Holmes 9-10-1 ... A Webb
507 10p-422 BOLD YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 8-10-0 ... M Palmer 7
508 0f00f- EGGNOG (R Carrier jun) R Champion 11-10-0 ... G McCourt
509 1/p-102 WINNING BRIEF (M O'Grady) M Naughton 9-10-0 ... R Strange
510 p00r-u3 PILOT OFFICER (R Padmore) Mrs M Rimell 9-10-0 ... A Sharpe
511 120-033 LITTLE POLVEIR (M Shone) J Edwards 7-10-0 ... P Barton
512 p-444p CATLEY PRIDE (P Hiatt) P Hiatt 9-10-0 ... C Mann

2 Why Forget, 5 Winning Brief, 6 Corbiere, 7 Seamus O'Flynn, 8 Pilot Officer, 10 Bold Yeoman, Little Polveir, 20 others.

3.30 DOUG BARROTT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,061: 2m 5f 75yd) (17)

604 22130-0 I HAVENTALIGHT (B Brazier) F Winter 5-11-7 ... J Francome
606 0101-00 CANIO (C) (D Ladhams) R Hodges 7-11-6 ... S Earle 7
608 01401-1 EVER GREAT (D Bowkett) D Oughton 5-11-4 ... P Double
609 3112-01 NIALAN (N De Davary) J Jenkins 4-11-4 (6 ex) ... P Barton
610 /2143-3 SEA SPICE (R Blumberg) J Old 6-11-3 ... G Bradley
612 20p-110 TUGBOAT (B) (H Hough) P Mitchell 5-11-1 ... R Dunwoody
613 0-12210 ALFIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-11-0 ... C Carcary 7
614 01080-0 FORTUNE COOKIE (CD) (R Allen) J Fox 12-10-13 ... N Hunter 7
616 p0-4301 ROAD TO MANDALAY (B) (Dasserv Ltd) D Barons 7-10-11 ... G Newman
617 4412-21 BOLANDS CROSS (Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin) N Gaselee 5-10-11 (4 ex) ... R Linley
618 1111p/p WINDBREAKER (A Moore) A Moore 6-10-10 ... G Moore
623 12-1000 MISTER PITT (J Brooks) T M Jones 5-10-1 ... G McCourt
624 00-uf21 GOOSEY GANDER (R Graham) J Jefferson 5-10-0 ... P Tuck
625 00f1-11 CHRYSAOR (P Fahey) S Christian 6-10-0 (4 ex) ... W Newton 4
626 202001- SEABATTLE (Mrs N Goulandris) J Gifford 5-10-0 ... R Rowe
627 1p3-140 WILY YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 5-10-0 ... P Nicholls
629 22110 TROPICAL MIST (S Grinsyead) D Elsworth 4-10-0 ... C Brown

7-2 Bolands Cross, 9-2 Nialan, 5 Ever Great, 6 Chrysaor, 8 Sea Spice, 10 I Haventalight, Goosey Gander, 12 Canio, Road To Mandalay, 16 others.

NEWCASTLE (ITV)

[Televised: 1.45, 2.15, 2.45]

GOING: soft

12.45 BILLY BOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,626: 2m 120yd) (10 runners)

1 01112-2 L O BROADWAY (C) (Lt-Col D Pain) R Fisher 6-11-10 ... K Teelan 4
2 1/8p-03 BENFEN (F Ballard) M H Easterby 5-11-9 ... A Brown
4 2112-34 RIVERS EDGE (D Knights) Denys Smith 8-11-5 ... C Grant
5 40102-0 SOLDBY (G Leatham) M H Easterby 4-11-2 ... D Dutton
6 114101 EMPRESS JEANNIE (CD) (L Foster) L Foster 7-10-13 (5 ex) ... Mr C Storey 7
7 031321- TURI (A Smith) A Smith 5-10-12 ... P A Farrell 7
8 000-220 MAYHEM (J Dooler) J Dooler 11-10-1 ... M Pepper
9 0140-2 MICK'S STAR (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 4-10-0 ... A Dickman
10 100003- JONDALE (J Manley) M Lambert 7-10-0 ... P A Charlton
11 12/3-42 ARMENISTIS (B) (S Leadbetter) S Leadbetter 5-10-0 ... M Barnes

1983: Mr Sunbird 5-10-2 N Doughty (4-1) R Allen 9 ran

5-2 L O Broadway, 11-4 Benfen, 9-2 Empress Jeannie, 5 Mick's Star, 13-2 Rivers Edge, 14 Soldby, 16 Turi, 20 others.

Newcastle selections

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12.45 Mick's Star. 1.15 Chetel. 1.45 Karenomore. 2.15 Another City. 2.45 Earls Brig. 3.15 Carneades.

1.15 ROCHESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,161: 3m) (5)

1 42493-2 ON LEAVE (R Craze) A Scott 7-12-0 ... Mr T Reed 4
2 1p-4412 CHETEL (CD)(BF) (R Brewis) R Brewis 10-11-10 ... P A Farrell 7
3 132 PRINCE SANTIAGO (R Baker) Denys Smith 5-11-5 ... C Grant
4 3/2-040 KELSO CHANT (Mrs M Richardson) R Gray 12-10-11 ... S Charlton
7 310-032 JOE'S FANCY (P Liddle) P Liddle 8-10-1 ... G W Gray

1983: Chetel 9-10-5 C Pimlott (10-11 fav) R Brewis 6 ran

7-4 Joe's Fancy, 2 On Leave, 4 Chetel, 11-2 Prince Santiago, 10 Kelso Chant.

1.45 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: £2,196: 2m 120yd) (7)

3 0000-01 DURHAM EDITION (R Oxley) W A Stephenson 6-11-4 ... K Jones
4 412-001 KARENOMORE (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 6-11-4 ... A Brown
5 000003- MUCKLERIDGE (R Nixon) R Nixon 6-11-4 ... Mr C Storey 7
8 00/0-fo SHINEY SON (Mrs A Brown) W A Stephenson 6-11-4 ... R Lamb
9 05100-0 THE DIVIDER (J Aitken) Mrs T Calder 5-11-4 ... –
10 00240/1 THE SMALL MIRACLE (Mrs J Jones) N Bycroft 6-11-4 ... P A Charlton
11 00- RELIABLE VYNZ (B McGreevy) M Reddan 4-10-6 ... D Nolan

1983: Norton Cross 5-11-4 A Brown (7-2) M H Easterby 6 ran

5-4 The Small Miracle, 11-8 Karenomore, 8 Durham Edition, 16 Muckleridge, 20 Shiney Son, 33 others.

FORM: DURHAM EDITION (10-11) promoted to first after finishing 1½l 2nd of 9 to Northumbria (10-11) at Carlisle (2m 1f 110yd nov hdle, £553, good to firm, Apr 21. KARENOMORE (11-6) beat Centre Attraction (11-6) 5l at Market Rasen (2m ch, £1,032, soft, Nov 16, 6 ran). MUCKLERIDGE (10-7) 5½l 3rd of 10 to Mr Coggy (11-7) at Perth (2m 4f ch, £970, good to firm, Apr 19). THE SMALL MIRACLE (11-3) beat Centre Attraction (11-3) 7l at Ayr (2m ch £1125, soft, Nov 23, 10 ran), with THE DIVIDER (11-3) bad 8th.
Selection: THE SMALL MIRACLE.

2.15 DIPPER NOVICE CHASE (£7,575: 2m 4f) (6)

1 00-0001 GEATA AN UISCE (CD) (P Mina) O Brennan 8-11-10 ... M Brennan
2 00-4123 SULA BULA (B) (G Pratt) M H Easterby 6-11-10 ... D Dutton
3 3-12 COOL MAGIC (BF) (F Jestin) F Jestin 6-11-6 ... Mr C Thornton
4 30-4211 JIMBROOK (B) (Mrs M Nowell) M H Easterby 7-11-6 ... A Brown
5 200-123 POLLY'S PAL (S Payne) S G Payne 6-11-6 ... B Storey
6 /1p-111 ANOTHER CITY (E Briggs) G Richards 5-11-4 ... N Doughty

1983: Lettoch 6-11-10 G Bradley (4-5 fav) M W Dickinson 5 ran

6-4 Another City, 2 Sula Bula, 4 Jimbrook, 10 Polly's Pal, 16 Geata An Uisce, Cool Magic.

FORM: GEATA AN UISCE (11.10) beat Cornering (11-10) 4l over today's course and distance (£2,580, heavy, Nov 17, 8 ran) with POLLY'S PAL (12-1) ½l away 3rd. SULA BULA (11-8) 11½l 3rd of 7 to Townley Stone (11-8) at Ascot (2m ch, £9,984, good, Nov 16). COOL MAGIC (11-10) 15l 2nd of 9 to Marathon Man (11-5) at Ayr (3m ch, £1,155, soft, Nov 23). JIMBROOK (11.2) beat Cape Farewell (10-4) 10l at Market Rasen (2m 5f ch, £1,112, heavy, Nov 24, 8 ran). ANOTHER CITY (11-4) beat Play The Knave (11-5) 7l at Stratford (2m 6f ch, £2,723, soft, Nov 8, 13 ran).
Selection: ANOTHER CITY.

2.45 LADBROKE TROPHY (Handicap chase: £3,707: 3m 6f) (6)

1 1111-11 EARLS BRIG (W Hamilton) W Hamilton 9-11-10 ... Mr P Craggs
2 0300p-3 PEATY SANDY (CD) (Miss H Hamilton) Miss H Hamilton 10-11-4 ... T G Dun
4 0411-31 HARDY LAD (C) (Mrs J Milligan) B Wilkinson 7-11-1 (4 ex) ... R O'Leary
6 0100f- EGGNOG (R Carrier) R Champion 11-10-1 ... NON-RUNNER
10 223331 SUCCEEDED (C) (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-10-0 ... M Maguire
11 34-3320 WHO'S FREE (B) (I Pearson) J Charlton 9-10-0 ... B Storey

● EGGNOG RUNS 3.0 Sandown

1983: Bush Guide 7-8-7 Miss V Alder (14-1) J Alder 10 ran

6-4 Earls Brig, 15-8 Hardy Lad, 4 Peaty Sandy, 6 Succeeded, 33 Who's Free.

FORM: EARLS BRIG (10-0) fell in the Hennessy, previously (11-10) beat Brunton Park (10-7) by 15l with HARDY LAD (11-1) 5l away 3rd (Newcastle, 3m ch, £2,833, good, Oct 31, 14 ran). HARDY LAD (11-2) beat Preben Fur (10-0) by 4l at Newcastle (3m ch, £2,560, heavy, Nov 17, 10 ran). PEATY SANDY (11-10) 9½l 3rd to Run'n Fly (10-2) at Ayr (3m ch, £2,545, soft, Nov 24, 11 ran).
Selection: EARLS BRIG.

3.15 CUCKOO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (£756: 2m 120yd) (8)

1 01 CARNEADES (Timeform Social Club) M H Easterby 4-11-5 ... M Hill
2 2p-1003 SECRET LAKE (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 5-11-5 ... A Cockburn
4 00000-0 IMPANY (B) (R Robinson) R Robinson 5-11-0 ... Mandy Harrison
7 00p00-4 MILITARY CROWN (Mrs J Carr Evans) E J Carr 7-11-0 ... C Dennis
8 00000-4 NIGHT PEARL (E Stockdale) A Smith 5-11-0 ... P A Farrell
9 3-44 ROYAL LASER (R Bowden) D Moorhead 4-11-0 ... Ruth Hargreaves
11 20 LA DI DA (A Batey) W Storey 4-10-9 ... D Telfer
13 0-23223 MAGGIES GIRL (Mrs M Whiteman) Denys Smith 5-10-9 ... D Leadbitter

1983: Aonoch 4-11-0 J Duggan (11-4 fav) R Fisher 9 ran

4-5 Carneades, 4 Maggies Girl, 5 Secret Lake, 10 Royal Laser, 12 Night Pearl, 16 Military Crown, La Di Da, 33 Impany.

CHEPSTOW (BBC)

[Televised: 1.0, 1.30, 2.0]

GOING: soft

1.0 PHILIP CORNES NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,959: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1 1121 A SURE ROW (D) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-8 ... Miss S Oliver 4
2 1114 BANDELERO R Holder 4-11-8 ... N Coleman 4
3 04-41 JOLLY MAC (D) J Thorne 6-11-8 ... P Dever
7 00/ ALTARGA Mrs W Sykes 7-11-0 ... S Morshead
8 0 BACKLOG J Dalton 5-11-0 ... J Suthern
18 0/00-5 GOINGO R L Brown 5-11-0 ... J Brown 7
19 u-p GOLDCLIPPER G Doidge 5-11-0 ... S May
25 LITTLE GRIT D Tucker 8-11-0 ... –
28 0- LORD SOLENT M O'Halloran 5-11-0 ... M O'Halloran
33 0 MUSIC PRINCE Mrs S Oliver 6-11-0 ... J Bryan
34 04-02 MY CULLEN D Thom 4-11-0 ... Mr D Murphy 4
35 02-22 OLYMPIC PRIZE J Gifford 5-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs
41 2 ULAN BATOR (BF) F Winter 7-11-0 ... J Duggan 4
44 00 AZARA Wm Price 4-10-9 ... –
45 2 BOLT HOLE G Doidge 5-10-9 ... A Geering 4
51 000 SAUNTRESS W G Turner 5-10-9 ... Jessica Turner 7

1983: Good As Ever 6-11-1 P Croucher (100-30 fav) G Kindersley 18 ran

9-4 Olympic Prize, 11-4 Ulan Bator, 5 Bandelero, 15-2 A Sure Row, 10 Bolt Hole, 12 Jolly Mac, 14 My Cullen, 16 others.

FORM: A SURE ROW (10-8) beat Dussenberg (10-7) by 15l at Haydock (2m 4f hdle, £979, soft, Nov 22, 16 ran). BANDELERO (11-10) 10¾l 4th to Hypnotic at Ascot (2m); Earlier (11-2) beat Voyant (10-9) by a head at Newbury (2m 4f hdle, £2708, good, Nov 7, 11 ran). JOLLY MAC (11-0) beat Hunter River (11-0) short head at Worcester with AZARA (10-0) 10th (2m 4f hdle, £769, good to soft, Nov 21, 24 ran). OLYMPIC PRIZE (11-1) 15l 2nd to Play Boy (11-6) at Ascot (2m hdle, £2958, good to soft, Nov 17, 7 ran). ULAN BATOR (10-12) 10l 2nd of 25 to Abourshabun (10-10) at Leicester (2m hdle, £1124, soft, Nov 19). BOLT HOLE (10-9) 1½l runner up to Lord Merlin (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f hdle, £561, soft, Nov 13, 18 ran).
Selection: BANDELERO.

Chepstow selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Olympic Prize. 1.30 Moonshot. 2.0 Tom's Little Al. 2.30 Romana Mia. 3.0 Epryana. 3.30 Right Regent.

1.30 HORIZON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,851: 2m) (9)

2 p-040 WALNUT WONDER (CD) R Hickman 9-11-9 ... P Scudamore
5 f120 BORN TO SHINE (D) M Castell 9-10-7 ... M Bowlby 7
7 300p- THE GO-BOY (D) Mrs W Sykes 10-10-6 ... S Morshead
8 2/12-0 MOONSHOT (D) T Forster 10-10-6 ... Mr T Thomson Jones
9 33p-3 GEMELEK J Old 8-10-4 ... P Murphy
11 02f0- WILL BOREEN M McCormack 10-10-1 ... H Davies
12 2f04 GRANNIE'S PET (D) D Gandolfo 9-10-0 ... R Earnshaw
13 0p23- HADAJAR (D) M Tate 9-10-0 ... C Smith
16 p03-p POMPOSITY (D) R J Smith 7-10-0 ... P Warner

1983: No corresponding race

2 Walnut Wonder, 3 Hadajar, 9-2 Gemelek, 6 Moonshot, 8 Born To Shine, 10 Grannie's Pet, 14 others.

FORM: BORN TO SHINE (9-7) 5th to Kolme (9-11) at Mallow; previously (9-7) 6l 2nd to Tubbertelly at Gowran Park (2m 4f ch, £1,311, firm, Oct 15, 6 ran). GEMELEK (10-4) 10l 3rd to subsequently disqualified Landing Board (10-9) at Worcester with GRANNIE'S PET (10-5) ½l away 4th (2m ch, £1,444, soft, Nov 21, 13 ran). GRANNIE'S PET (10-5) 28l 5th to Silent Echo (10-3) with MOONSHOT (10-5) 9th. MOONSHOT (10-7) 3l 2nd to Golden Trix (10-11) at Plumpton (2m 3f ch, £1,623, soft, Jan 11, 8 ran). WILL BOREEN (11-3) over 10l 5th to Black Economy (11-0) at Fairyhouse (2m 4f ch, £1,518, good, Apr 24, 12 ran).
Selection: MOONSHOT.

2.0 REHEARSAL CHASE (£3,564: 3m) (6)

3 0-002 FRED PILLINER (CD) M Scudamore 7-11-0 ... M Williams
4 1/0 GREY WARBLER (CD) S Mellor 10-11-0 ... M Ferrett
5 u4-12 LORENTINO R B Francis 7-11-0 ... R Crank
6 34-01 SAILOR'S RETURN (D) Mrs S Tainton 8-11-0 ... C Smith
7 1-p01 TOM'S LITTLE AL (B) (CD) W R Williams 5-11-0 ... P Scudamore
8 2f11- ARMAGNAC PRINCESS (C) R Frost 12-10-9 ... J Frost

1983: Observe 7-11-4 J Francome (6-4) F Winter 4 ran

15-8 Tom's Little Al, 3 Armagnac Princess, 9-2 Fred Pillner, 6 Sailor's Return, 8 Lorentino, 12 Grey Warbler.

FORM: PILLINER (10-5) 15l 2nd to Everett (11-10) at Hampton with TOM'S LITTLE AL (11-0) pulled up before 2 out (3m ch, £5,153, good to firm, Oct 20, 7 ran) TOM'S LITTLE AL (11-10) has since beaten subsequent winner Leander Blue (10-2) by 3l at Kempton (3m ch, £2,903, good, Nov 8, 4 ran). LORENTINO (11-12) 4l 2nd to Jimmy Miff (10-4) at Uttoxeter (3m 2f ch, £1,732, good to firm, Oct 26, 6 ran) SAILOR'S RETURN (10-13) beat Triska (10-13) beat Triska (10-13) a head at Windsor (3m ch, £1,879, good, Nov 10, 9 ran). ARMAGNAC PRINCESS (10-9) beat Another Breeze (10-9) by 5l at Chepstow (3m 6f ch, £4,417, good to soft, Mar 17, 8 ran).
Selection: TOM'S LITTLE AL.

2.30 PRINCE OF WALES NOVICE CHASE (mares: £1,928: 2m) (8)

2 30-1b SILVA LINDA (BF) F Winter 6-11-4 ... N Fearn 7
5 2021 CELTIC BELL M Scudamore 6-11-0 ... P Scudamore
6 02- FLAXEN TINA J Webber 6-11-0 ... G Mernagh
7 2f40 MADAM BUTTERFLY J Gifford 6-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs
8 0-p04 MONKTON RILL P Dufosee 5-11-0 ... Mr G Maundrell
10 3-03f REEBOK K Weisselberg 7-11-0 ... T Grantham 7
11 021-3 ROMANA MIA T Forster 6-11-0 ... H Davies
13 TORY MEMBER Mrs M Rimell 7-11-0 ... S Morshead

1983: Trust To Luck 5-11-0 J Francome (6-1) A Turnell 15 ran

6-4 Silva Linda, 11-4 Romana Mia, 5 Celtic Bell, 8 Madam Butterfly.

3.0 ROMAN SELLING HURDLE (4-y-o: £630: 2m 4f) (7)

1 00-0 ACTON IRON D Wintle 11-0 ... R Hyett
2 10-30 EPRYANA M Madgwick 11-0 ... A Madgwick 4
3 014-0 MISS BLACK GLAMA (B) S May 11-0 ... S May
5 00-0p FREEFALL (B) M Tate 10-9 ... W Hayes 7
6 40p-0 RIDGEWAYS GIRL P Burgoyne 10-9 ... NON-RUNNER
7 3020- SOLITAIRE (B) B Hicks 10-9 ... S Morshead
8 0 SOME MOOR R Hodges 10-9 ... –

1983: Kristen 4-10-2 M Hoad (7-2) R Hoad 13 ran

2 Epryana, 3 Solitaire, 4 Miss Black Glama, 8 Acton Iron, 12 Some Moor, Freefall.

3.30 COMRIE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,301: 3m) (21)

3 0433- INDIANA DARE (CD) J Jenkins 8-11-7 ... –
5 230-2 CAMEBELLE N Mitchell 6-11-5 ... M Perrett
6 01f-0 VENTURER (D) T Caldwell 7-11-4 ... –
7 1223 CASSANOVA'S STORY J Thorne 6-11-4 ... P Dever
9 1-440 MINER BIRD (CD) J Fenlon 6-11-2 ... J Suthern
10 0-040 SHOEMENDER P Rodford 7-11-0 ... C Gray
11 00-00 MAC'S TREASURE (D) J Old 7-10-13 ... H Davies
12 0p-00 SOMAY (CD) D Nicholson 7-10-13 ... P Scudamore
14 f002- MOSSY BELL R Holder 4-10-7 ... N Coleman 4
15 100-3 SMALL MONEY Mrs W Sykes 5-10-6 ... S Morshead
16 100/p BRISTOL BLUE M Pipe 7-10-4 ... R Atkins
17 104-4 VILLAGE DRAPER F Winter 5-10-4 ... J Duggan 4
18 0200- ELSELL (D) M Eckley 9-10-3 ... A O Hagan
20 400-3 DIAL DIRECT B Palling 7-10-1 ... A Griffiths
21 0002 FREE CHOICE (D) M Oliver 6-10-1 ... R Crank
22 004/0 RIGHT REGENT M Pipe 6-10-1 ... P Leach
26 43-03 ROUTE MARCH P Pritchard 5-10-0 ... A Webber
27 1f44- ARCTIC GIPSY B Palling 8-10-0 ... C Evans 7
28 0/000 MAN ON THE RUN (CD) J H Baker 9-10-0 ... –
29 00 HALFBACK Mrs S Oliver 7-10-0 ... J Bryan
31 334f HOPEFUL COURAGE T Hallett 9-10-0 ... L Bloomfield 4

1983: Eusobio 5-10-11 P Double (20-1) D Oughton 22 ran

9-2 Right Regent, 5 Camebelle, 6 Village Draper, Casanova's Storey, 8 Free Choice, Indiana Dare, 9 Somay, 10 Small Money, 12 Dial Direct.

Sandown results

GOING: Good to soft

1.00 (3m 118yd ch) 1, DRUMADOWNEY (H Davies, 10-1); 2, Brown Trix (John Francome, 5-4 fav); 3, Lonedale (K Mooney, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Buckbe (f), 12 Sign Again (4th), 50 Brooklands (pu), Flying Jackdaw (5th). 7 ran: 10l, 25l, ¾l, not taken. T Forster at Wantage. TOTE: £8.80; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £5.40. CSF: £21.26.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, LUCKY RASCAL (M Palmer, 12-1); 2, Ashlone (G Charles-Jones, 33-1); 3, Hypnotic (K Mooney, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Tribal Drum (4th), 10 Emerald Watson (5th), 16 Fraud Squad (f), 20 Rum, Deep Echo, 33 Dunvegan Castle (bd), Nemo Kybo (pu), Swift Retort, 66 Levant Row, 100 Bic Roller (6th), Grahames Paddy (pu), Castilore Lad, Darsel, Indian Country, Maitredee, Marley Heights, Acer Diamond, Tinahue Angel. 21 ran. 2l, 4l, 12l, 4l not recorded. J Gifford at Findon. TOTE: £12: £2.40, £8.70, £1.20. DF: £185.60. CSF: £300.57.

2.00 (2m 4f 68yd ch) 1, BEAU RANGER (J Hurst, 30-100 fav); 2, Drumgora (H Davies, 3-1). 2 ran. 30l. J Thorne at Bridgewater. TOTE: £1.30.

2.30 (3m 118yd ch) 1, GREENWOOD LAD (R Rowe, 5-1); 2, Burnt Oak (P Scudamore, 12-1); 3, Areus (B de Haan, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Master Tercel (su), 9-2 King Or Country. 5 ran. 3l, 20l, 3l. J Gifford at Findon. TOTE: £6.40; £2.50, £1.70. DF: £16.50. CSF: £41.28.

3.0 (2m 5f 75yd hdle) 1, SUTTON PRINCE (R Linley, 100-30); 2, Magenyos (J White, 5-1); 3, Ardesee (C Grant, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Rhoecus (4th), 9 Omnipotent, 12 Amrullah, 20 Magic Sky (6th), Liffey (pu), 33 Erica Superba, 50 Mellini (5th), French Union, Ryedale. 12 ran. 6l, nk, ½l, 12l, 10l. F Winter at Lambourn. TOTE: £3.80; £1.70, £2.20, £2.40. DF: £8.20. CSF: £18.75.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, GOLD OF A GUNNER (G Charles-Jones, 10-1); 2, Tour de Force (H Davies, 15-2); 3, Ridgefield (Mr D Murphy, 9-2 fav); 4, Quite A Night (P Double, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Pep Talk, 10 Marsh Lane (pu), 12 Coastal Run (pu), 14 Charcoal Wally, Drummond Street (5th), 16 End of the Road, Isom Dart, 25 Ballima, Lohengrin, Welsh Oak (6th), 66 Bishop's Blaize (pu), Alos, Shirley Crepella, Saint Oswald. 18 ran. ½l, 2l, 3l, 2l, 5l. S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £14.80; £2.00, £2.20, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £127.80. CSF: £79.78. Tricast: £857.73. TOTE DOUBLE: £3.35. TREBLE: £28.45 (Paid on first two legs). PLACEPOT: £40.00. JACKPOT: Not won. Pool of £8,139.47 carried forward to Sandown today.

Leicester

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, STRATHEARN (R O'Leary, 5-4 fav); 2, Nicky's Knight (P Delaney, 33-1); 3, Atkins (R Campbell, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Any Business, 10 Flying Tenderfoot, 12 Tamerton Lad, 14 Pershing, 16 Love Walked In, 20 Flodabay, 25 Coupon Clipper, Parvano (4th), Spring Pursuit, 33 Crowfoot's Couture, David George (pu), Dienau's Trove, Ferndale Lad (5th), Hyperion Prince, Lucky Loche (pu), Shanyoup, Phdyra. 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 5l, 2l, 5l. J Fitzgerald at Malton. TOTE: £1.50: £1.00, £15.30, £2.30. DF: (Winner or second with any other horse): £1.10. CSF: £68.03.

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, DEEP COACH (M Harrington, 6-4 fav); 2, Pass Ashore (J Frost, 9-1); 3, Monclare Trophy (C Smith, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Little Compo, 5 My Friend (5th), 20 John's Secret (6th), Autumns Dream (pu), Brennanstown, Calmacutter (4th), Sovereign Shot, Wilspal (f). 11 ran. 10l, 2l, 8l, 7l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. TOTE: £3.10; £1.30, £3.90, £2.00. DF: £11.80. CSF: £14.13.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, GLENFOX (M Perrett, 1-2 fav); 2, Tar Knight (P Barton, 11-2); 3, Selborne Rambler (A Webber, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Meggies Dene (4th), 50 Royal Classic. 5 ran. 1½l, 2l, 1½l, dist. S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £1.30; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.48. Objection by second to winner overruled.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, DEEP CROSS (M Perrett, 7-2); 2, Killeger Kim (G Mernagh, 4-6 fav); 3, Flecha (P Liddle, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Souvent (pu), 16 Saya Eye (5th), 25 Ladycross (4th). 6 ran. 8l, 6l, hd, 25l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. TOTE: £9.10; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £6.28.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, SHEPHERD'S HYMN (G Williams, 9-1); 2, Starwind (P Dever, 8-1); 3, Monsoon (P Barton, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Springle, 11-2 Just Blake, 7 Mac's Or Mine, Polymor (6th), Sterling Virtue, 8 Tom Forrester (5th), 14 Rocky's Gal, 20 Eucrates (pu), Quiet Country, Shenfield (4th), 25 Shakira Grove, 33 Bren Gunner, Mister Kilo (pu), Pearl King, Caroline's Girl, Hay Fever. 19 ran. 8l, nk, 7l, ¾l, hd. T T Bill at Ashby de la Zouche. TOTE: £7.20; £1.80, £4.70, £12.20. DF: £200.80. CSF: £82.60.

3.0 (2m hdle) ENSIGNS KIT (P Finch, 16-1); 2, The Diplomat P McNeill, 9-1); 3, Sweetcal (Michael Rimmer, 7-1); 4, Oregon Trail Mr T Thomson Jones, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Mollington, 7 Diddelo (5th, Lor Moss, 14 Finale Sept, Wold Rat, Somerday, 16 End Of Era, Glenhawk, 20 Golden Brigadier, Gold Tycoon (6th), 25 Brockley Belle, Supper's Ready, 33 High Old Time, Le Peark, Harvour Bazaar, Chandheer, High Heaven (f). 21 ran. NR: Upper Note. ½l, nk, 2½l 10l, ¾l. A H Brisbourne at Shrewsbury. TOTE: £15.50; £3.50, £7.30, £3.20, £1.20. DF: £44.20. CSF: £157.84. TRICAST: £1,028.73. PLACEPOT: £52.50.

Sedgefield

12.45 (2m Hdle) 1, KINDRED (Jayne Thompson, 11-8 fav); 2, Ascot Again (P Tuck, 6-1); 3, Secret Minstrel (R Balfour, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Rhymarc (4th), 5 Gradwood (u.r.), 12 Private Craft (6th), 14 Mosquito River (5th), 16 Waite, 25 Palletalt, Hannahman. 10 ran. hd, 30l, 6l, 6l, 3l. Ronald Thompson at Doncaster. TOTE: £3.00: £1.20, £1.20, £28.00. DF: £2.30. CSF: £11.24. Tricast: £92.80. No bid for winner.

1.15 (2m ch) 1, TROILENA (J D Doyle, 6-1); 2, Veiled City (B Storey, 2-1); 3, Quay Man (A Stringer, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Rejuvenator (f.), 9-2 Thelmas Secret (u.r.) 14 Reay's Song (5th), 20 Twice Times (p.u.), Carouser (4th). 8 ran. NR: Tierence 3l, 12l, 5l, 2½l. R Fisher at Ulverston. TOTE: £7.10, £2.00, £1.10, £5.50. DF: £10.00 CSF: £18.93.

1.45 (3m 600yd ch) 1, OWEN LUCK (Mr S Swiers, 4-1); 2, Ramsea's Son (B Storey, 5-1). 3, Wensleydale (R Balfour, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Black Combe (f.) 4 Cricket Wood (u.r.), 8 Go On Joe (p.u.), 12 Ocean Cruise (p.u.), 33 Cool Trickster (f.). 8 ran 10l, dist R Swiers at Boroughbridge. TOTE: £6.40; £1.70, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £5.80. CSF: £23.37.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, SCARLET TERROR (T G Dun, 4-1), 2, Joyful Star (B Storey, 9-2); 3, Mendelita (C Fairhurst, 25-1) ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Primrose Wood (U R), 8 Mainsforth Queen (4th), 33 Purple Beam (f), 50 Cresta Crossett (f). OFF: 2.16. 7 Ran 6l, 12l 20l. R Brewis at Belford. TOTE: £5.20; £1.80, £1.70. DF: £5.30. CSF: £21.28

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, OUR LOUISE (Mr T Reed, 8-11 Fav); 2, Pitsbaloo (P Tuck 12-1); 3, Bullom (D Leadbitter, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Spartan Flashback (5th), 9 Secret Pursuit, 14 Royal Export, 20 Night Harbour, Price of Peace (4th), Rural Scene, 33 Abbey Boy, Bounty's Clown, Romanard, Sydetzky, Cottage Leas (6th), Irish Clipper (P.U) Millsias, Miss Krugerrand. 17 ran. NR Connought Queen 15l, 12l 15l 1l 12l. A Scott at Wooperton. TOTE: £1.50; £1.10, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £7.50. CSF: £13.16

3.15 (3m 600yd Hdle). 1, RUN IN TUNE (C Pimlott 11-4); 2, Wiriello (P Tuck 5-4 Fav); 3 Jimmy Martin (K Whyte, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Mossey Cones (5th), 10 Keep A Promise (4th); Proudest Diana (6th), 20 Young Adventurer, Grouse Beater. 8 Ran 4l, 15l, 1l, 8l, 8l. D Eddy at Stocksfield. TOTE: £5.80; £1.10, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £3.70. CSF: £6.95. PLACEPOT: £20.10.

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TRAINERS: F Walwyn 20 winners from 73 runners, 27.4%; N Gaselee 6 from 23, 26.1%; F Winter 25 from 131, 19.0%.
JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles 16 winners from 75 rides, 21.3%; J Francome 24 from 116, 20.7%; R Rowe 18 from 103, 17.5%.

NEWCASTLE

TRAINERS: M H Easterby 27 winners from 117 runners, 23.1%; A Scott 13 from 75, 17.3%; R Fisher 10 from 66, 15.2%.
JOCKEYS: D Dutton 13 winners from 63 rides, 20.6%; A Brown 13 from 66, 19.7%; R Lamb 30 from 160, 18.8.

CHEPSTOW

TRAINERS: F Winter 18 winners from 74 runners, 24.3%; D Gandolfo 9 from 36, 25.0%; T Forster 17 from 78, 21.8%.
JOCKEYS: P Scudamore 18 winners from 90 rides, 20.0%; H Davies 10 from 73, 13.7%.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Sleeping Maid, Pringle Bay, Faraway Thoughts, Upham Pleasure, Rheinray, Frogmoor, Windy Weather, Madagascar.

RUGBY UNION

One chance to sort out ifs and Butts

By Gordon Allan

Twenty clubs take the field with a single thought today: to go into the draw on Monday for the third round of the John Player Cup, in which most of England's premier clubs make their entry.

For those playing away, it is a case of travelling cautiously as well as hopefully. The Cup gives you only one chance, and it does not do to underrate anybody, no matter how lowly they might seem to be.

Wakefield are well aware of this as they go to **Nuneaton** with their strongest available team. Harrison, their North wing, who came by slight knee and chest injuries against the Australians in midweek, is fit. Two months ago Wakefield beat Alnwick in the first round with a fine display of running in the second half, and they have the backs to do it again.

Old Redcliffians, from Bristol, broke into the limelight last season when they reached the third round and lost, though not by much, to London Scottish. Now they play at **Sidcup** and for a match-winning performance look in particular to Cox, their former Bristol stand-off, who, according to their chairman, Mick Johnson, has been kicking "like a dream".

Barkers' Butts, whose president is Bill Gittings, the former Coventry and England scrum half, have a shorter journey, to **Bedford**. Barkers' may be in trouble up front, but behind the scrum they can call on Woodhead, a former Coventry centre, and Brown a wing, who was Warwickshire's leading try scorer last season.

Oxford Old Boys, at home to **Lydney**, have Phil Butler, the brother of the former Wales captain, Eddie, in the back row. Another junior club with a Welsh connection are **North Walsham**, who meet **Rosslyn Park** at Roehampton. Their full back and captain, Tony Hadley, is a brother of Adrian, the Wales wing. Willden who injured a hand playing for Kent last Saturday, is replaced in the back row by Bickford for **Blackheath**'s tie with **Sutton and Epsom** at the Rectory Field.

Away from the Cup, Oxford and Cambridge play their last games before the University match on December 11. Oxford have a doubt about Evans, their stand-off, who pulled a hamstring last week. Kennedy stands by to take his place against Berkshire at Iffley Road.

Bailey and Ellsion are injured, and Hastings is playing for Scotland B, so Cambridge switch Martin to full back and bring in Pierce on the wing against Nottingham at Grange Road. Bailey, the captain, and Ellison except to be fit for Twickenham.

Heaston takes the injured Hampel's place at full back in the **Richmond** side at **Coventry**.

Scotland B have edge

On the score of experience, Scotland have a decided advantage over Ireland in this afternoon's B international at Galway (George Ace writes). Nine of the team that scored a handsome 22-13 win in Melrose last year and scored four tries in the process are again in action, while Ireland have made no fewer than 12 changes.

Chief interest for the Scots will be in the performance of Wyllie, the Stewart's Melville FP stand-off half, who could well play himself into the senior side, for which Rutherford is ruled out through injury for next Saturday's clash against Australia. Nine of today's team are in the panel due to assemble for a training session at Murrayfield tomorrow, after which the side to meet the Wallabies will be named.

On the plus side for the Irish is the fact that the side includes six players who have appeared on the very fine undefeated Ulster side this year.

TEAMS: IRELAND B: J Barry (Constitution); T McMaster (Bangor), M Feely (Old Belvedere), J O'Neill (Waterpark), D Ahearne (St Mary); R Keyes (Constitution), R Brady (Queen's University); T Clancy (Lansdowne), J McDonald (Malone), M Darcy (Terenure), D Morrow (Bangor), B McCall (London Irish), M Tarpey (Galwegians), N Carr (Ards), D Fanning (St Mary's, captain).

SCOTLAND B: G Hastings (Cambridge University); P Steven (Heriot's FP), A Tait (Kelso), K Murray (Hawick), I Tukalo (Selkirk); D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), S Johnston (Watsonians); D Sole (Bath), R Cunningham (Bath, captain), J Fraser (London Scottish), P Hogarth (Hawick), D Turnbull (Hawick), I McKie (Sale), C Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), B Murray (Hawick).

Referee: C J High (England).

TENNIS

Miss Dreyer has to work her victory

By Lewine Mair

Kirsten Dreyer, aged 15, of the United States, was too crisp and controlled for Elizabeth Ekblom, aged 26, of Sweden, in the final of the LTA event at Teesside Airport yesterday. After speeding to 5-0 in the first set, the beautifully schooled Miss Dreyer handled herself well as Miss Ekblom's game began to work, and went to win 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

An articulate youngster who hopes to go to college before moving on to the circuit, Miss Dreyer explained how, with that 5-0 lead, she had waited for the Swede to give her the set. But the long-limbed Miss Ekblom got back to 4-5 with her service to come. It was at this point that Miss Dreyer, who has a good all-court game in the making, realized that she "had to get back to working".

The wiry schoolgirl dispatched two lethal returns of service to tie up the first set, and dropped only a single point as she went to 1-0 in the next.

Although disheartened, Miss Ekblom then had another good spell, her well-executed drop shots playing a key role in her second set triumph.

There were plenty of mistakes in the first game of the deciding set, but the American's game held up that bit better. From 1-0 she went quickly to 3-0, and clenching a set of teeth encased in a Tracy Austin-type brace, the competent young lady succeeded in keeping the upper hand.

DOUBLES FINAL: P Hy (HK) and M Vandihorre (Neth) bt C Drury and E Lightbody, 6-1, 6-4.

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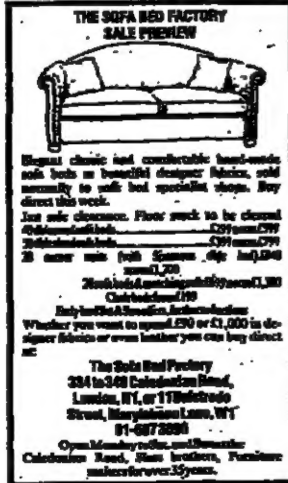
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SUNDAY

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 8.00 pm). 4.00 John Turner † including 5.02 Cricket. 6.00 George Ferguson † including 6.02 Cricket. 7.02 Cricket 7.30 Paul McDowell with special guest Val Doonican and at 7.45 Bishop Bill Westwood. 9.00 David Jacobs † including 9.02 Cricket. 11.00 Desmond Carrington † including 11.02 Cricket. 12.02 Cricket. 12.30 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Brackett. 12.59 Sports Desk. 1.00 Gloria Hunniford presents Two's Best†. 2.00 Benny Green†. 3.00 Alan Dell†. 4.00 Sing Something Simple†. 4.30 Sing Something Simple†. 5.00 Charlie Chester including 6.02 Cricket. 6.02 Sports Desk 6.30 Brain of Sport. 7.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour from The Church of God, The Holy Spirit, Newton. 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes including 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Songs from the Shows. 10.45 Brooks Aeron at the piano. 11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00 am Nightride †. 3.00-4.00 Gloria Hunniford presents Two's Best †.

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the half-hour until 11.30 am, then 2.30 pm, 3.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.30 and 12 midnight. 5.55 am Radio 1 Chip Shop Basicode 2 + Computer Program. 6.00 Mark Page. 8.00 Peter Powell. 10.00 Steve Wright. 12.30 pm Jimmy Savile's 'Old Record' Club (1965 and 1977). 2.30 Adrian John. 4.00 Hitsville USA. The Story of Motown-Part 5. 5.00 Top 40 †. 7.00 Anne Nightingale †. 9.00 Robbie Vincent †. 11.00-12.00 am Gary Byrd's Sweet Inspirations †. VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00 am With Radio 2. 5.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 am With Radio 2.

SUNDAY'S WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty Four Hours. 7.30 From the Weeklies. 7.50 Letter from London. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Sports Review. 9.45 Pieces of Hope. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Short Story. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 12.45 Lunch with George Bernard Shaw. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 1.30 Nineteen Eighty-four. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.00 News Summary. 2.30 Wives and Daughters. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 A Silent Life. 4.45 Letter from America. 5.00 World News. 9.00 World News. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Not so much a Hobby. 10.25 Words. 10.30 Financial Review. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Plato to Nato. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Manual de Falla. 1.45 Incredible Flautists. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Good Books. 2.30 Music Now. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 Sweet Soul Music. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Gemini to Jo'burg. 5.45 Recording of the Week. All times in GMT.

BBC 1 Wales: 12.30-12.53pm Farming Wales. 1.50-2.40 Weekend Rugby Union (Swansea versus Cardiff) plus the rest of the rugby news. 2.40 Join BBC 1 Championship Snooker. 12.30-12.35am News of Wales headlines. Scotland: 9.10-9.35am A Vous La France. 9.35-10.00 Languages for Life. 10.30-11.20 Seven Days. 6.25-6.30 Appeal (on behalf of The Maritime Trust). 10.15-10.50 Coast to Coast. 10.50-10.55 Douglas Lawrence plays some Scottish fiddle music. 12.30-12.35am Scottish news. Northern Ireland: 12.30-12.35am Northern Ireland news.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Living Body. 1.30 Performance. 3.45 Basketball. 4.45 Henllys Fawr. 5.25 Today's History. 6.00 American Football. 7.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. 7.20 Newyddion Amaeth. 7.25 Newyddion. 7.30 Caryl. 8.00 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn. 8.40 Hywel Morgan. 9.20 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol. 9.50 Hill Street Blues. 10.50 Snwcer. 12.35am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Greatest Thinkers. 1.00pm Laurel and Hardy*. 1.25 Weather. 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15-5.00 Film: Circle of Children (Rachel Roberts). 5.30-6.30 Fall Guy. 11.30 Struggle. 12.00 Shelley. 12.30am Christmas People. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.30-11.00 Once Upon A Time ... Man. 1.00pm World We Live In. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Rock of the Seventies. 3.15 Return of the Saint. 4.15 Scotsport. 5.30 Pruitts of Southampton. 6.00-6.30 Bullseye. 11.30 Women of Rock 'n' Roll. 12.30am Reflections, closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Miniature Chess Masterpieces. 9.35-1.00 Survival. 11.00 Sense of the Past. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Down to Earth. 1.00pm-2.00 Champions. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15-5.00 Film: Crisis in Sun Valley. 5.30-6.30 Love Boat. 11.30-Struggle. 12.00 Comedy Tonight. 12.30am Closedown.

Channel As London except: starts 12.55 Good News 1.00 I'm Young But Special 1.30-2.00 Link 2.30 Big Match 3.15 Film: Hunters of the Reef 5.35-6.30 Fall Guy 11.30 Devlin Connection 12.25 Closedown.

Tyne Tees As London except: 9.25am Morning Glory 9.30-10.00 Getting On 11.00 Sense of the Past 11.25 Lookaround 11.30-12.00 Batman 1.00pm Bygones 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook 2.30 Big Match 3.15 Extra Time 4.00 Smurfs 4.30 Bullseye 5.02-6.30 Falcon Crest 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.30 Epilogue, Closedown.

TSW As London except: starts 9.30am 10.0 Getting On 11.00 Sense of the Past 11.25 Look and See 11.30 South West Week 11.55-12.00 Postscript Diary 1.00pm Gardens for All 1.30-2.00 Farming News 2.30 Big Match 3.15-5.00 Film: Hunters of the Reef 5.30 Gus Honeybun 5.35-6.30 Fall Guy 11.30 Devlin Connection 12.25 Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25 Action Line 9.30-10.00 Atom Ant 11.30-12.00 Enterprise South 1.00pm Agenda 1.30 Hardcastle & McCormick 2.30 Big Match 3.15-5.00 Film: Carry on Camping 5.30 Keep it in the Family 5.55 News 6.00-6.30 Human Factor 11.30 Teachers Only 12.00 Company, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 9.25am Professor Kitzel. 9.30-10.10 Vicky the Viking. 1.00pm Rugby Union. 1.30-2.00 West Country Farming. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15 Film: Inspector Clouseau (Alan Arkin). 5.30-6.30 Magnum. 8.45-9.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Struggle. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 1.00pm-1.30 Stress.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Wattoo Wattoo. 9.30-10.00 Flying Kiwi. 1.00pm Star Fleet. 1.30-2.00 Here and Now. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15 Chips. 4.15 Smurfs. 4.30 Bullseye. 5.00-6.30 Falcon Crest. 8.45-9.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Dateline Sunday. 12.30am Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am American Life. 9.30 Sense of the Past. 10.00 Human Factor. 10.30-11.00 Sunday Documentary. 11.30-12.00 Canadian Documentary. 1.00pm Diff'rent Strokes 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Hand in Hand Together. 2.30 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.15 Knight Rider. 4.15 Scotsport. 5.30 Silver Spoons. 6.00-6.30 Bullseye. 11.30 Struggle. 12.00 Late Call, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Border Diary. 9.30-10.00 Gardening Time. 1.00pm Border Diary. 1.05 Protectors. 1.30-2.00 Farming Outlook. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15-5.00 Film: Doctor in Clover. 5.30-6.30 Fall Guy. 11.30 Curling. 11.25 Closedown.

ULSTER As london except: 10.00-11.00 Morning Worship. 1.00pm Seal Pup. 1.30-2.00 Farming Ulster. 2.30 Big Match. 3.15 Standby, Lights, Camera, Action. 4.10 Cartoon. 4.30-5.00 Cologne Cathedral. 5.30 Short Story Theatre. 6.00-6.30 Clowns. 11.30 Jazz. 11.55 Sports Results. 12.00 News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As london except: 9.25am-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Sense of the Past. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm-1.15 Smurfs. 5.30-6.30 Chips. 8.45-9.45 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Struggle. 12.00 Short Story. 12.30am Five Minutes. Closedown.

Saturday

Television and radio programmes
Summaries: Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

8.30 **The Perishers**, with the voice of Leonard Rossiter as Boot (r). 8.35 **The Littlest Hobo** (r).

9.00 **Saturday SuperStore** managed by Mike Reid. Lenny Henry is in the studio taking calls from viewers; James Galway plays his golden flute; a quartet, all members of Mensa, attempt to play together despite being miles apart; Jeremy Cherfas talks about the changing face of zoos; and Eddie Grant sings his latest release. 12.12 Weather.

12.15 **Grandstand** introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 12.20 Football Focus with Bob Wilson; 12.50 News; 12.55, 1.25 and 1.55 Racing from Chepstow; 1.10, 1.40, 2.40, 4.15 Snooker. Part one of the final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship; 2.10 Ski-ing: The Ladies Slalom from Courmayeur; 3.30 and 3.55 Rugby League: a John Player Special Trophy second round match; 3.50 Half-times scores and reports; 4.40 Final score.

5.05 **News with Moira Stuart**. 5.15 Sport, Regional news.

5.20 **The Tripods**. The penultimate episode of the science fiction serial and the boys have been arrested for stealing a loaf of bread (Ceefax).

5.45 **The Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show** includes the Thompson Twins singing their latest single.

6.35 **Bob's Full House**. Bob Monkhouse with another edition of the electronic bingo game (Ceefax).

7.10 **Juliet Bravo**. The final episode of the series brings no respite for Inspector Kate Longton. The new vicar of Hartley is visited by a man who has confessed to a murder and is threatening to kill himself. Is it the man who is about to jump from the window ledge of the local mill?

8.00 **Hi-de-Hi!** Peggy discovers a personal letter from Joe Maplin to Clive Demster. Is the new Entertainments Manager really a mole sent to spy on the staff of the holiday camp? (Ceefax).

8.30 **Dynasty**. It's Blake and Krystle's re-wedding day – but Alexis is not invited to the nuptials (Ceefax).

9.15 **Wogan**. Terry Wogan's guests this week are Dame Vera Lynn, Angela Rippon and Roald Dahl. Plus a song from Kiki Dee.

10.05 **News and sport with Moira Stuart**.

10.20 **Championship Snooker**. Frames eight to 14 in the final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship.

10.50 **Match of the Day** introduced by Jimmy Hill. Highlights from matches in the First and Second divisions plus the results from the Goal of the Month competition.

11.40 **Championship Snooker**. The closing frames of the eight to 14 section of the final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton.

12.55 **Weather**.

TV-am

6.00 **Good Morning Britain**, presented by Henry Kelly, begins with a repeat of a Dream Home episode; news at 6.25, 7.00 and 8.00; Saturday Call at 6.30 deals with looking good for Christmas; sport at 7.10; cooking with Rustie Lee at 7.45; Henry Kelly interviews Paul McCartney at 8.00. The guest is Dr Rob Buckman.

8.30 **The Wide Awake Club** for children.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Cartoon Time**. 9.30 Fraggle Rock (r) 10.00 The Saturday Starship. Cartoons, videos, film clips and guests, introduced by Bonnie Langford, Tommy Boyd and Nigel Roberts. 11.20 Mister T. Cartoon adventures of the A-Team character. 11.45 Catweazle (r).

12.15 **World of Sport** introduced by Dickie Davies. The line-up is: 12.20 Rallying: highlights of this week's Lombard RAC Rally; 12.45 News; 12.50 On the Ball with Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves; 1.15 Ski-ing: a preview of this season's World Cup; 1.25 The ITV Six: the 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30 from Sandown and the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 from Newcastle; 3.00 Ice Hockey: The Bluecol Cup Final from Streatham; 3.45 Half-time scores and reports; 4.00 Wrestling: two bouts from Dartford; 4.45 Results.

5.00 **News and sport**.

5.05 **Candid Camera**. Unsuspecting members of the public have their leg pulled.

5.35 **Blockbusters**. General knowledge quiz for teenagers.

6.05 **The A-Team**. A luxurious villa is the setting for the team's battle with two warring crime syndicates over the daughter of a protected witness.

7.00 **Tarby and Friends**. Jimmy Tarbuck's guests are Wall Street Crash, singer Jack Jones and comedians Roy Walker and Duncan Norvile.

7.45 **Punchlines**. Celebrity panel game presented by Lennie Bennett.

8.15 **3-2-1** Rock 'n' Roll remembered is the theme for tonight's contest between hopefuls from Fakenham, Lowestoft and Yorkshire. The guests include Gary Glitter, Georgie Fame, Patti Boulaye and the Rockin' Berries (Oracle).

9.15 **News**.

9.30 **Film: Sphinx** (1980) starring Lesley-Anne Down and Frank Langella. Adventure yarn about a young Egyptologist who stumbles across a murder whilst on holiday in Cairo. Her investigations include a search for the long-lost tomb of a Pharaoh. Directed by Franklin J Schaffner (Oracle).

11.40 **Battle for the Bulge**. A documentary about the 1944 campaign in the Ardennes forests. Narrated by Bernard Archer.

12.40 **London news headlines** followed by **Bellamy** in which the policeman has the task of clearing a colleague's name after he has been accused of murder by a crooked private investigator.

1.25 **Night Thoughts**.



Ashley Putnam has the title role in the Glyndebourne production of Strauss's opera Arabella (BBC 2, 8.30 pm)

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax**. 10.35 Open University: Robotics 11.00 A Cut Above the Rest 11.25 Open Forum: OUSA National Conference 1984 11.50 Hospital 12.15 Ceefax.

1.35 **Film: Ziegfeld Girl*** (1941) starring James Stewart, Judy Garland, Hedy Lamarr and Lana Turner. The story of three chorus girls aiming to become part of the Ziegfeld Follies. Directed by Robert Z. Leonard.

3.40 **Film: Three Little Words** (1950) starring Fred Astaire, Vera-Ellen and Red Skelton. A musical about the fractious relationship of the Twenties songwriting team of Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby. A strong supporting cast includes Arlene Dahl, Keenan Wynn and Debbie Reynolds. Directed by Richard Thorpe.

5.20 **Championship Snooker**. The closing frames of the first session of the best-of-31 final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship.

7.00 **A vous la France!** Lesson eight of the French conversation course.

7.25 **News and sport**.

7.40 **Rugby Special**. Nigel Starmer-Smith introduces highlights of this afternoon's game at Hawick between South of Scotland and the Australians.

8.30 **The Saturday Alternative: Arabella**, Richard Strauss's three-act opera presented from Glyndebourne in a 50th anniversary production. Arabella was the last of the operas which Strauss wrote in collaboration with the librettist Hugo von Hofmannsthal. It tells of the daughter of an impoverished cavalry man who is trying to marry her off, but she insists on waiting for "der Richtige" – the right man. With the Glyndebourne Chorus and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

11.10 **Film: Picone Sent Me** (1984) starring Giancarlo Giannini and Lina Sastri. An Oscar-nominated comedy drama about a con-man working on the seedy side of Naples. He operates as an unofficial aide to visitors at the local hospital. When Luciella Picone arrives looking for her husband's body Salvatore sees his chance to take over the late man's Mafia business. Directed by Nanni Loy (first showing on British television) (subtitled). Ends at 1.15.

CHANNEL 4

1.05 **Making the Most Of . . .** Inexpensive ideas for leisure pursuits (r).

1.30 **Chips' Comic**. Educational series for children.

2.00 **Film: Victory*** (1940) starring Frederic March as a recluse living in the Dutch East Indies who finds himself with a companion when he rescues her from the unwanted attentions of a disagreeable German hotel owner. Directed by John Cromwell.

3.25 **Film: One More River*** (1934) starring Diana Wynyard, Frank Lawton and Mrs Patrick Campbell. A drama, based on the novel by John Galsworthy, about a young woman who decides to leave her sadistic husband in Ceylon and return to England. Directed by James Whale.

5.05 **Brookside** (r).

6.00 **Danger Man***. John Drake is in Sicily investigating the suspicious death of a Nato agent.

6.30 **Rock 'n America**. Video clips of, among others, Jackson Browne and Patti Austin.

7.00 **News summary and weather** followed by 7 Days. Dr Nico Smith, a pastor in a South African black community talks about the Dutch Reform Church's attitude to apartheid; Phil Woolas of the NUS talks about this week's student demonstration; and child's heart surgeon Duncan Walker examines the ethics of experimental surgery.

7.30 **A Jury of her Peers**, starring Diane de Lorian and Dorothy Lancaster. A drama about a woman who is accused of killing her husband.

8.00 **The Sonnets of William Shakespeare**. Michael Bryant performs Sonnet 64; Gore Vidal interprets the work.

8.15 **Muck and Brass**. Another episode from the shady life of wheeler dealer Tom Craig (Mel Smith).

9.15 **Twenty Twenty Vision: Child Sex Abuse**. The first of three programmes.

10.00 **Hill Street Blues**. LaRue is implicated in the murder of a girlfriend's husband.

11.00 **Pushing Up Daisies**. Comedy.

11.30 **Film: Nightmare*** (1956) starring Edward G. Robinson. Thriller about a man who dreams he has killed somebody. Directed by Maxwell Shane.

1.10 **Closedown**.

Radio 4

On long wave.† denotes stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Prelude.†
6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15 On Your Farm. 7.45 In Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. Weekend gardening jobs. 7.56 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport On 4.
8.48 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel. 9.0 News.
9.05 Checkpoint. Listeners' cases of unfair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook.
9.30 Profile. Sally Hardcastle talks to the actor David Yip.
9.50 Newstand. William Davis's review of the weekly magazines.
10.05 The Week in Westminster. With Peter Kellner.
10.30 Pick Of The Week with Margaret Howard.†
11.30 From Our Own Correspondents.
12.00 News; Money Box. With Louise Botting.
12.27 The News Quiz. With Simon Hoggart, Alan Coren, Nigel Dempster, Peter Birkett and Ann Leslie. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions? from Leicester. With Clive Jenkins, Prabhu Guptara, Angela Rumbold, John Egan, John Timpson (r).
2.00 News; The Afternoon Play 'Until the Real Thing Comes Along' by Neville Smith. With Susan Littler and William Nighy. The setting: an underwear factory (r).†
3.00 News; The Burkiss Way (44): 'Love the Big Brother the Burkiss Way'.†
3.30 The Angel of Regent Square. The story of Edward Irving, one of the most controversial clerics of the 19th-century. An investigation by Bernard Jackson. Iain Cuthbertson plays Irving.†
4.15 The Chip Shop. New technology, with Barry Norman.†
4.45 Keep Your Tails Up. A modern day Canterbury Tale, with Vincent Kane, (2) 'The Policeman's Tale'.
5.00 Wildlife.
5.25 Week Ending Satirical review.† 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather; Travel.
6.00 News; Sports Round-up.
6.25 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is the composer Miklos Rozsa.†
7.05 Stop The Week With Robert Robinson. With Peter Skellern's musical item.†
7.45 Baker's Dozen Richard Baker with records.†
8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre 'The Yang Chi Jade' by Michael Campbell. With Geoffrey Bateman, Karen Ford, and Neil Stacy. Set in the early 1900s, this is the story of an antiques buyer who is suspected of receiving stolen goods.†
9.45 Have You Ever Seen An Otter? An investigation into the diminishing number of otters. 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 You The Jury: the motion is Men are just in need of liberation as women. It is proposed by Professor Hilary Rose, and opposed by Professor Hans Eysenck. The chairman: Dick Taverne.
11.00 Evening Service.†
11.15 Great Liners. Memories of seafarers past and present.
11.30 Son of Cliche.†
12.00 News; Weather. 12.33am Shipping.

VHF (available in England & S Wales only) Radio 4 vhf as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Aubade: Nicolai's overture Merry Wives of Windsor; Michael Haydn's Horn Concerto in D (Tuckwell/Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields); Mozart's concert aria A Questo seno deh vieni, K 374 (Gruberova, soprano); Arensky's Suite No 1 for two pianos (Adolph and Mikhail Gotlieb); Tarrega's Five Pieces (Yepes, guitar); Strauss's Waltzes from Rosenkavalier. Schubert's Trout Quintet (Schnabel, piano).†9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review: Including Bryce Morrison's consumers' guide to recordings of Brahms Piano Concerto No 2; and an item on Les Arts Florissants' new recording of Charpentier's Medée.†
10.15 Stereo Release: Bach's Prelude, Fugue and Allegro in E flat, BWV 998; Debussy's Three Estampes (Egorov, piano); Kreisler's La Gitana, Cavatina and Gipsy Dance (Shumsky/Kaye); Gershwin's An American in Paris (the Labeques at two pianos).†
11.20 Bavarian Radio SO (under Colin Davis): Berg's Three Pieces Op 6; Mendelssohn's Symphony No 3; Elgar's Enigma Variations.†1.00 News.
1.05 Schubert and Beethoven: James Gibb (piano). Schubert's Sonata in A minor D 537; Beethoven's Sonata in D major Op 10 No 3; Bagatelle in G major, Op 126 No 1.†
2.00 Verdi's Operas: Luisa Miller. Sung in Italian. Peter Maag conducts the National Philharmonic Orchestra and London Opera Chorus. Soloists include Caballe, Pavarotti, Richard van Allan and Sherrill Milnes.† Acts 2 and 3 begin at 3.10, with interval talk by Julian Budden at 3.05.
4.45 Marin Marais: The Suite in A minor for viola da gamba and harpsichord; played by La Chambre du Roy.†
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton.†
5.45 Critics' Forum: with Alexander Walker, Christopher Bigsby, Margaret Drabble and Waldemar Januszczak. Topics include the new film The Killing Fields, and Robert Forrest's Radio 3 play Shanidar. Also, Alan Ayckbourn's new play Intimate Exchanges, at the Ambassador's, in London.
6.35 Franz Schmidt: Quintet in B flat, played by Thea King (clarinet) and members of the Allegri Quartet.†
7.15 Sold Out: How what appears on the stage in affected by the financial and bureacratic machinery that operates behind it. The interviewer is John Elsom (r).
8.00 Domenico Scarlatti: Robert Woolley (harpsichord) plays a number of works including the Sonatas in G major, Kk 259 and 260; and in D minor; Kk 141.†
8.30 Arabella: Richard Strauss's three-act opera, sung in German. This is the 1984 Glyneboume production, and it is simultaneously being broadcast on BBC2. Bernard Haitink conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra and Festival Chorus. With Ashley Putnam, Gianna Rolandi, John Brocheler, Keith Lewis, Artur Korn and Regina Sarfaty. Acts 2 and 3 Begin at 9.40, with an interval at 9.35.†
11.10 Haydn: Bella Musica Ensemble, Vienna play the Minuetti de Ballo, Nos 1 and (H IX 4); the Vienna Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble play the Flute Quartet in G (H II 1); and Vienna Chamber Orchestra play the Concerto in F (H XVIII 3).†
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

MF (medium wave) as vhf above except: 7.00-11.20am CRICKET: FIRST TEST. India v England in Bombay – commentary on the afternoon session on the third day's play.

Radio 2

On medium wave. †denotes also VHF stereo. News on the hour until 1.00pm, then from 6.00 (except 8.00pm and 9.00). Headlines 6.30am, 7.30. 4.00am John Turner† incl 5.02 Cricket. 6.00 George Ferguson† including 6.02 Cricket. 7.50 Racing. 8.05 David Jacobs† including 9.02 Cricket. 10.00 Sounds of the 60s with Keith Fordyce† including 10.02 Cricket 11.00 Album Time with Peter Clayton† including 11.02 Sports Desk. 12.02 Cricket. 1.00 The News Huddlines. 1.30 Sport on 2, including Rugby Union (South of Scotland v The Australians) and Snooker (Coral UK Professional Championship.) There is also coverage of racing from Sandown Park at 1.30 and 2.00; and, at 1.40, the latest news on the England tour in India. At 3.55 there is football (second half commentary on a Canon League match). 5.40 Cricket from India. 5.50 Racing. 5.55 Pools and football results. 6.00 Folk on 2 (The Doonan Family and Dick Miles.)† 7.00 Jazz Score (with Humphrey Lyttelton, Ronnie Scott, Digby Fairweather, Jack Fallon, Benny Green). 7.30 Saturday Gala Concert from Spa Grand Hall, Scarborough with Max Jaffa, Jean Grayston and others. 8.20-8.40 Jack Brymer's musical memories. 9.30 Big Band Special.† 10.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Ken Bruce.† 12.05am Night Owls.† 1.00 Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Country Concert.†

Radio 1

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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m; VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m; VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Wales: 5.15-5.20pm Sports News Wales. 12.55-1.00am Weather for Wales. Scotland: 5.15-5.20pm Scoreboard. 10.50-11.40 Sportscene. Northern Ireland: 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland. 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland. 2.55-1.00am Northern Ireland news headlines. England: 5.15-5.20pm London, Sport. South West (Plymouth), Spotlight Sport and News. All Other English regions, Sport/Regional News.

S4C Starts 1.20pm What The Papers Say. 1.35 Week in Politics. 2.15 Red Balloon. 2.55 Realm of Darkness. 3.55 Wine Programme. 4.25 British At War. 6.20 Avengers. 7.20 Superted. 7.30 Newyddion. 7.45 Sion a Sian. 8.15 Cerddi'r Gael. 8.55 Porthgain. Pentref y Bobl. 9.10 Y Maes Chwarae. 10.30 Callan. 11.30 Film: Trouble For Two (Robert Montgomery. 12.50am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Tree For Two 11.45-12.15pm Jabberjaws 11.40 Jazz 12.10am Company, Closedown

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25-9.30 Wattoo Watto. 11.45-12.15pm Happy Days. 11.40 Curling. 12.10am Late Call, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Cartoon 9.35-10.00 Mister T 11.20 Puffin's Pla(i)ce 11.25-12.15pm Tarzan 5.05 Puffin's Pla(i)ce 5.10 Smurfs 5.35-6.05 Candid Camera 12.40am Closedown

ANGLIA As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Fraggle Rock. 11.45-12.15pm Smurfs. 11.40 Gone for a Story. 12.40am At the end of the Day. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am Cartoon 9.35-10.00 Mister T 11.20-12.15pm Freeze Frame 5.05 Newsport 5.10 Smurfs 5.35-6.05 Candid Camera 12.40am Postscript, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.35 Cartoon. 9.35-10.00 Mister T 11.20-12.15 QED 12.40am Reflections, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Foreign Leghorn. 9.30-10.00 Mister T. 11.20-12.15pm Six Million Dollar Man. 11.40 The Challengers. 12.10am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 9.25am Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.35-10.00 Mister T. 11.20-12.15pm Father Murphy. 11.40 Rock of the Seventies: 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 11.40pm-12.25am Rugby Union.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Cartoon 9.35-10.00 Mister T 11.20-12.15pm Battlestar Galactica 11.40 Out in the Open 12.40am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.35am Cartoon 9.35-10.00 Mister T 11.20-12.15pm Chips 11.40 Hawaii Five-O 12.30am Man in Concert 1.30 Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Cartoon. 9.35-10.00 Mister T. 11.20-12.15pm Battlestar Galactica. 11.40 Curling. 12.10am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25-9.30 Cartoon 11.50-12.15pm Wild World of Animals 4.55-5.00 Ulster Sports Results 11.40 Nine To Five 12.05am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Morning Glory 9.55-10.00 Young Lookaround 11.50-12.15pm Batman 5.05 News 5.10-5.35 Candid Camera 11.40 Darts. 12.30am Poet's Corner, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

Sunday

BBC 1

8.55 **Heads and Tails**. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

9.10 **People First**. The third of five films for parents of children with a mental handicap (r). 9.35 **Making the Most of the Micro**. Part eight of the series explaining the capabilities of microcomputers (r).

10.00 **Asian Magazine** includes Binda Rai commenting on the findings of the Race Relations Committee of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar.

10.30 **Languages for Life**. In Bangladeshi with English subtitles (r). 10.55 **A vous la France!** French conversation for beginners. 11.20 **Morning Worship** from the Old Parish Church, Peebles. 12.05 **See Hear!** A magazine programme for the hearing impaired. 12.30 Farming 12.53 Weather. 12.55 Magic Roundabout (r).

1.00 **This Week Next Week** introduced by David Dimbleby begins with news headlines at 1.02 and includes a week in the life of Chris Patton, junior minister at the Northern Ireland Office. Also in the programme are Roy Hattersley and Lord Denning.

1.50 **Face the Music** Dorothy Tutin, Richard Baker and Denis Healey are tested on their musical knowledge by Joseph Cooper.

2.25 **Championship Snooker**. Frames 15 to 21 of the best of 31 frame final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship. Introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton.

5.55 **Prisoner of Zenda**. Part three and Rudolf Rassendyll has successfully posed as the King at the Coronation but a nasty surprise awaits him at the hunting lodge (Ceefax).

6.25 **Appeal** by Kenneth Kendall on behalf of Guideposts Trust.

6.30 **News with Moira Stuart**.

6.40 **Songs of Praise** The second visit of the day to the Old Parish Church, Peebles (Ceefax).

7.15 **Ever Decreasing Circles**. Ann is bored at home and carefully considers Paul's offer of a job at his salon - but Martin doesn't like the sound of it.

7.45 **Big Deal**. Robby has the chance of an interest in the video market but he needs £3,000 for the venture. Will he be able to raise the money? (Ceefax).

8.35 **Championship Snooker**. The closing ten frames of the final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship.

9.05 **Tenko**. Episode eight and an unexpected death has repercussions on the women and on one in particular. Elsewhere, a tea dance at Raffles Hotel is turned into a traumatic (Ceefax).

10.00 **News**.

10.15 **Everyman: Fathers to Be**. A profile of Upholland College, the last remaining junior seminary of the Roman Catholic Church. Is it the right place to test a vocation or is it, as some believe, a relic of the past?

10.55 **Championship Snooker**. The result and the best of the weekend's action in the final of the Coral United Kingdom Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston.

12.30 **Weather**.

TV-am

6.55 **Good Morning Britain** presented by David Frost. A Thought for Sunday comes from Fr Rod Strange; news at 7.00; Roland Rat at 7.20; Rub-a-Dub at 7.45; David Frost interviews Shirley Williams at 8.45; and the week's newspapers are reviewed by Tim Rice and Nigel Rhys.

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9.25 **Cartoon Time**. 9.35 The Smurfs. 9.50 Cartoon Time.

10.00 **Morning Worship** from Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, Belfast. 11.00 **Getting On**. Magazine programme for the older viewer. This week's edition includes a profile of the Stoke-on-Trent City Hospital; and Professor Isaacs explains why so many older people suffer falls. 11.30 **A Sense of the Past**. Graeme Garden in Highgate Cemetery (r).

12.00 **Weekend World**. Will unrest within the Party force the government to alter course? Brian Walden talks to Francis Pym. 1.00 Police 5.

1.15 **The Big Match**. Highlights of two of yesterday's First Division games, presented by Brian Moore. 2.00 **The Human Factor**. How Mrs Lovell and her two children coped when Mr Lovell left them for another woman after 14 years of marriage.

2.30 **London news headlines** followed by **Film: Battle of the Bulge** (1965) starring Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw and Robert Ryan. Second World War drama about the German counter-offensive in the Ardennes in December 1944. Directed by Ken Annakin.

5.00 **Bullseye**. Darts and general knowledge competition presented by Jim Bowen.

5.30 **Sunday Sunday**. Gloria Hunniford's guests are Stan Boardman, Tommy Trinder, Edward Woodward, Shakin' Stevens, Kenny Everett and Maureen Lipman.

6.30 **News**.

6.40 **Highway**. Sir Harry Secombe in Monmouth where among those he meets are Dickie Henderson, Victor Spinetti and Jake Thackeray.

7.15 **Child's Play**. Liza Goddard and Roy Hudd try to identify descriptions of everyday objects given by children. Michael Aspel is in the chair.

7.45 **Surprise Surprise!** The unexpected presented by Cilla Black and Christopher Biggins.

8.45 **The Professionals**. A former CI5 agent is out to kill his former colleagues. Has the KGB "turned" him? Bodie and Doyle have the task of protecting his intended victims (r).

9.45 **News**.

10.00 **Clive James on Television**. More absurd extracts from television programmes from around the world.

10.30 **The South Bank Show**. A profile of former Sex Pistols manager, Malcolm McLaren.

11.30 **London news headlines** followed by **South of Watford**. Ben Elton watches ace photo-journalist Donald McCullin at work in Whitechapel (r).

12.00 **Being Homosexual**. An American-made documentary in which homosexuals talk openly about their lives.

12.55 **Night Thoughts** from the Bishop of Durham.

Cyril Cusack reads a W. B. Yates poem in today's instalment of Six Centuries of Verse (Channel 4, 3.45 pm)

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax**. 10.45 Open University: Science Foundation Course. Preparatory Maths: Graphs. 11.00 Living with Technology: Facts Are Not Enough. 11.25 Ceefax.

2.00 **Horizon: Global Village**. An examination of the impact television has had on the Indian village of Manikonda (r)

2.50 **The World Chess Championship**. Jeremy James reviews the week's play in Moscow.

3.15 **George Orwell**. Part three of the Arena series on the life and works of George Orwell deals with the time he enlisted to fight on the Republican side in the Spanish Civil War (r).

4.10 **Music from St George's**. The Chilingirian String Quartet play Schubert's Quartettsatz in C minor and Bartok's Fifth Quartet.

5.00 **Geoffrey Smith's World of Flowers**. Rhododendrons (r).

5.25 **Ski Sunday**. The first of a new series begins with the Men's Slalom from Sestriere. Ron Pickering reports from the Italian Alps while David Vine previews the battle for the downhill title.

6.00 **News Review** with Moira Stuart (subtitled).

6.30 **The Money Programme** includes a report on Britain's racing car industry.

7.15 **Our House**. The final programme of the series focuses on the Victorian terraced house in Southampton of the Tarry family.

7.45 **The Natural World: A Question of Space**. How a satellite, five hundred miles up in space, might provide the information that could save Kenya's wildlife from the encroaching human population.

8.35 **News with Moira Stuart**.

8.40 **Did You See . . ?** Our House, Just Sex and Morgan's Boy are reviewed by Richard Ingrams, Rosalind Coward and Elaine Morgan.

9.25 **The Year of . . .** Cumbrian farmer, Casson Fox.

10.00 **Film: Logan's Run** (1976) starring Michael York, Jenny Agutter and Richard Jordan. Science fiction drama set in 2274 in which the remnants of the earth's population, decimated by nuclear war, are allowed to live a life of pleasure, only to die at the age of 30. Directed by Michael Anderson.

11.55 **From Darkness to Light**. A candlelit service from Salisbury Cathedral for Advent Sunday (r). Ends at 12.35.

CHANNEL 4

1.00 **Utopia Limited**. Sandra Naidoo reports from Sri Lanka on how the authorities there are coping with an energy crisis caused by a shortage of wood (r).

1.30 **Turandot**. The composer Puccini's last work which was left unfinished when he died in 1924. It is performed in the Arena di Verona with the Bulgarian soprano Ghena Dimitrova in the title role. The orchestra and chorus of the Arena di Verona are conducted by Maurizio Arena.

3.45 **Six Centuries of Verse**. The penultimate programme of the series covers the work of early 20th-century poets including W. B. Yeats, Wilfred Owen, T S Eliot and W H. Auden

4.15 **Book Four** presented by Hermione Lee. Miss Lee talks to Angela Carter who has just had her first novel for seven years, Nights at the Circus, published

4.45 **Karen Armstrong** in conversation with Dr Hasan Askari, senior lecturer at the Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian/Muslim Relations at Selly Oak College and an author of various works on Islamic mysticism.

5.15 **News summary** and weather followed by **The Business Programme**, presented by John Plender and Iain Carson. The programme includes an item on cable television in Britain and an interview with William Isaac of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, on American banks that have gone bust.

6.00 **American Football**. Highlights of the game between Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos.

7.15 **The Dismissal**. Part four of the dramatization of the events that led to the dismissal of Gough Whitlam's government.

8.15 **South Seas Voyage**. Krov and Ann Menuhin, with their son, Isaac continue their voyage among the remote islands and land on Ambrym.

9.15 **People to People: Moving In**. A documentary that follows the lives of Alec, Catherine and Alan, severely handicapped adults, as they struggle to establish their own individual lives in the community after a life-time of institutional living (r).

10.15 **Film: Jassy** (1947) starring Margaret Lockwood. Costume melodrama about a young gypsy girl who rises from below stairs maid to mistress of the manor. Directed by Bernard Knowles.

12.05 **Closedown**.

Radio 4

On long wave. † stereo on VHF.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude.†
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News. 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhive. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Over New Leaves. 7.55 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Yehudi Menuhin and the Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal. 8.55 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service (from St John's Wood Church, London).
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Four Romantic Heroes. (3): 'I promised myself to you . . . ever so long ago . . .' Lewis Dodd runs away with Tessa Sanger in The Constant Nymph. With Janet Maw and Martin Jarvis.
12.30 The Food Programme. The story of muesli. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World This Weekend: News. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time visits Sussex. Questions are put by members of Woodingdean Horticultural Society.
2.30 The Afternoon Play 'The Birdcage' by Rose Tremain. The story of a dying cellist and his nurse. With Alan Dobie and Maggie McCarthy (r) †.
3.45 Bolshoi Tyshinsky No 26. More events from his life in a Moscow apartment house, recalled by Bill Campbell, who is better known as Vill the Clown. Today: Thank Heaven for Little Girls.
4.00 News; Talking About Antiques. Arthur Negus and Bernard Price discuss your questions with Hugh Scully.
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News; Travel.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Neath in West Glamorgan. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 The Case Against God. Gerald Priestland's inquiry into the existence and character of God, in eight parts (6): 'The Scene of the Crime).
6.45 Feedback. With Susan Marling.
7.00 Travel; Father Brown Stories (new series). Seven stories by G. K. Chesterton 1: The Blue Cross. With Andrew Sachs as Father Brown.
7.30 Bookshelf. Hunter Davies's good books programme. In tonight's edition, there is a feature about Eric Linklater, the novelist, Scots nationalist, playwright and broadcaster.
8.00 The Falconer's Tale. Malcolm Billings watches falconer Geoff Pearson and his hunting birds in action.
8.15 In Praise of God. Fr David Hope meditates on the meaning of Advent.†
9.00 News; Masters' India. John Masters' saga of the Savage family spanning the years 1825-1945. Book Three: 'The Lotus and the Wind'. With William Nighy, Juliet Stevenson and Nicky Henson. Adapted for radio by David Wade. 9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Telling Tales. Frank Delaney in search of tales. (4): The After-Dinner Speech.
11.00 Mindful Of The Love. Canon Michael Austin presents a series of illustrated talks on the Advent theme 1: Death.
11.15 Inside Parliament. 12.00-12.15 News; Weather. 12.33 am Shipping.

VHF (available in England & S Wales only). Radio 4 VHF is as above except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel. 6.55-7.15 Open University: Writing Skills. 1.55-2.00 pm Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study on 4: 4.00 In Business. 4.30 Get By In German 5.30 A Vous la France; 5.30 Por Aqui.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Polish Baroque Music: includes Bartlomiej Pekiel's Dialogues for Advent: Audite Mortales; and Antoni Heczewski's Symphony in D.†
8.00 Brahms Chamber Music: Amadeus String Quartet play the Quartet in B flat Op 67.† 9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Dag Wiren's Serenade for Strings Op 11; Schubert's Piano Sonata in C minor, D 958 (Lupu, piano); Gade's Violin Concerto in D minor, Op 56 (Kontra/Tivoli SO).†
10.30 Music Weekly: Roger Wright reviews Tippett: the Composer and his Music. Also a conversation with the composer of many film filmscores, Miklos Rozsa and Alan Walko on Liszt.†
11.15 Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by George Szell: Brahms's Symphony No 4; and Bartok's Concerto for orchestra.†
12.45 In Black and White: Nomura-Keuschnig Piano Duo play Stravinsky's two sets of easy pieces for piano duet and his own arrangement for two pianos of The Rite of Spring.†
1.35 International Clarinet Congress 84: Fodor Wind Quintet play Josef Foerster's Op 95; and Richard Rodney Bennett's Concerto for wind quintet.†
2.20 Henry Lawes: The Consort of Musicke play Hymns to the Holy Trinity.†
3.00 Quartets by Haydn and R W Wood: Dartington String Quartet play Haydn's Quartet in G major Op 64 No 4; and Wood Quartet No 3.†
3.45 Norweigan Scenes: Delius's Eventyr (Once Upon a Time . . .); and Grieg's suite Sigurd Jorsalfar Op 56.†
4.25 Craig Sheppard: piano recital. Works include Beethovens Piano Sonata in E Op 109; Samuel Barber's Piano Sonata Op 26, and various works by Chopin.†
5.30 News Premises: Arts review, by Stephen Games.
6.15 The Advent Carol Service: from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge. The Organist and Director of Music is Dr George Guest. Organ student: James Cryer.†
7.45 Castle Spellbound: Robert Farrar's "comical fantastical piece penned in the Gothic style." Music by Jonathan Gibbs. With Richard Pasco, John Rowe, and Barbara Leigh-Hunt.†
8.30 Bruckner and Frank Martin: part one. Bruckner's Mass No 2, with Marjana Lipovsek (contralto), and Australian Radio SO and Chorus.
9.05 Signs of the Times: the Rev Dr Edward Norman, Dean of Peterhouse, Cambridge, on Pope John XXIII.
9.25 Bruckner and Frank Martin: part two. Martin's Die Weise von Liebe und Tod des Cornets Christoph Rilke.†
10.30 The Reith Lectures 1984: The fourth of six talks on the theme Minds, Brain and Science, by John Searle, Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Berkeley. Tonight: A Walk to Patagonia.
11.00 Bob van Asperen: harpsichord recital. Works by J C Bach, (including Toccata in D, BWV 912) W F Bach and C P E Bach.†
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

MF (medium wave) as VHF above except: 7.05am – 11.15am Cricket: The First Test. India versus England, in Bombay.

Today's radio programmes continue on the facing page

Soviet assault on Olympic Games leaders

From David Miller, Lausanne

The Soviet Union last night launched a vitriolic attack on the *International Olympic* Committee and its leaders for the organization and conduct of the Los Angeles Olympic Games, which was boycotted by the Russians and their allies.

In an unprecedented five-page letter of some 2,000 words on *the eve of an IOC meeting*, Constantin Andreanov and Vitaly Smirnov, the Soviet members of the IOC, accused the committee of corruptly awarding the Games to Los Angeles in 1978, having been given a prior assurance of the *record $225 million* television rights contract.

Los Angeles, operating as a private committee, were the only available candidates for the IOC following the withdrawal of Teheran. The Soviet Union hints that Mexico and *Munich were alternative hosts*, which was not so.

The truth of the Soviet accusation was totally denied here last night by Lord Killanin, who in 1978 was IOC president in charge of negotiations for the only remaining hope of an Olympics in 1984.

Mr Andreanov and Mr Smirnov further alleged that the IOC is guilty of racial discrimination by nine of its individual *sports federation maintaining* contact with South Africa; that changes in the draft of the charter to permit Los Angeles to stage the Games were illegally conducted by postal vote; that three villages were improperly approved in Los Angeles; and *so on. None of the accusations* bears analysis.

It is a clear attempt by the Soviet Union to make a belated counter-attack for its absence from Los Angeles, which is now regarded by most people as having been a loss only for *those involved in the boycott*. The extraordinary session of members here today and tomorrow is intended to discuss, among other things, means of avoiding future boycotts, with sanctions to be taken against guilty countries.

While claiming that the charter has been violated by the IOC, Mr Andreanov and Mr Smirnov demand closer links with the United Nations and the discredited Unesco, and by national Olympic committees with their governments: all of which would be contrary to the spirit and rules of the charter.

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Mini-sub man dives to success

Mini-sub pioneer Ned Jago fulfilled an eight-year ambition when his home-made craft submerged for the first time yesterday.

Mr Jago, aged 47 and his 7½ft long bright orange submarine, the Xamina, were lowered by crane into the murky waters of the River Axe at Seaton, Devon. He manoeuvred the boat on the surface under its own power before attempting a dive.

As its glass dome slid below the fast-flowing waters of the river, the submarine gave its inventor no cause to regret the time and money he spent

Mr Jago, from Northleigh, near Seaton, was delighted with the Xamina's performance.

Mr Jago, a full-time social worker, became a part-time submariner after eight years of work, and the outlay of some £8,000.

Apart from the metal conning-tower and glass dome all the work was done by *Mr Jago in his garden*-shed and garage.

Next month he hopes to take his craft out into the open sea, where he will use it for exploring the seabed.

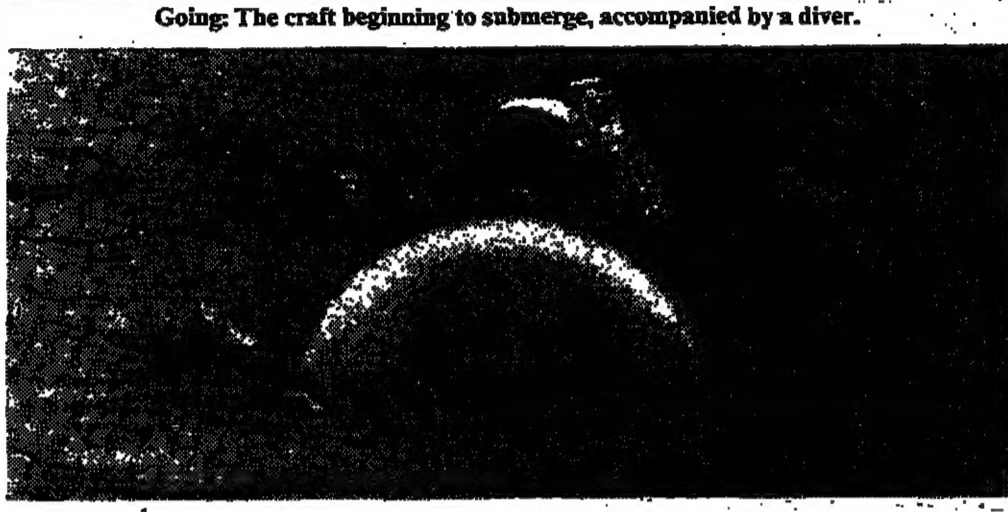
His wife, Gill, said: "Everyone has an ambition and today Ned has fulfilled his."



Going: Mr Jago in his mini-sub at the start of the test dive



Going: The craft beginning to submerge, accompanied by a diver.



Gone: The hull has submerged, and Mr Jago is on the way to fulfilling his ambition

Taxi driver killed by concrete slab

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Brook, the Assistant Chief Constable of South Wales, had condemned miners attacking coal convoys on the M4 motorway between Port Talbot and the Llanwern steel works and gave a warning that if a death resulted from slabs of concrete being *hurled at lorries*, murder charges could be made.

The death of Mr Wilkie has shocked a close-knit community which has been more solid in support of the strike than any other area in Britain.

Mr East indicated that police inquiries would be centred on about 200 men who form the front line of picket violence in South Wales.

Mr Philip Weekes, the area director of the coal board in South Wales said: "The death of Mr Wilkie has brought sorrow and shame to the South Wales coalfield and any attempt to exploit the incident for political purposes is beneath contempt. Incidents of violence cannot be condoned or excused and they can only be condemned.

Mr Kim Howells, a spokesman for the South Wales NUM blamed the coal board's attempt to persuade strikers back to work for raising the temperature in South Wales.

"We predicted something like this would happen with 22,000 families affected by the strike. We have tried our best and we have been more disciplined here in South Wales than anywhere. But people always break and it is a great tragedy".

Mr Howells said the South Wales' executive of the union would hold an urgent meeting and it was possible that picketing on the motorway and other bridges would stop.

Mr Wilkie's mother, Mrs Jean Wilkie, aged 60, who has a heart complaint was also taken to hospital after hearing of his death.

Last night a spokesman for his firm, City Centre Cars, of Bute Street, Cardiff, said a fund was being set up for his family.

Mr Peter Davies, a councillor who represents the colliery area, said: "I feel what has happened in the last fortnight is because of the creation of a little police state. The police are there to break the strike and are using methods which are appalling. The events have occurred because of the intimidatory system."

● Mrs Margaret Thatcher expressed horror at what she called the calculated malice of the killers of Mr Wilkie (the Press Association reports).

She said: "It is an utterly despicable deed and my reaction is one of anger at the calculated malice and what this had done to the family of a person only doing his duty and taking someone to work who wanted to go to work."

● Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, condemned the murder as an appalling crime, committed by an evil person. He also called for NUM leaders to put a stop to violence before there were any more deaths.

● Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, called for a "gut reaction" return-to-work by miners in protest at the killing of Mr Wilkie. He was speaking after spending 90 minutes underground with working miners at Thoresby Colliery, Nottinghamshire.

Receiver takes control

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and that jeopardy would continue until the union showed a *willingness to purge its contempt*, he said.

Mr Stubbs told the judge that to grant the order, in the absence of the necessary extraordinary circumstances would affect 280 NUM employees and "could mean the death of the union in terms of its operational ability."

The funds in Luxembourg to the union again after a court ruling there that High Court had no jurisdiction. The court retained £250,000 to cover the fine and sequestrators costs.

Mr Brewer's first task will be to seek release of the money by arguing that he is the authorized union representative. It is likely that he will have to go to the court to effect the release.

He is likely to start attempts to repatriate all NUM funds. The effect of yesterday's action on the union is unlikely to be immediate because it has operated without access to funds since the original sequestration order on October 25.

● Mr Brewer, who is 67, began his career as a clerk in the firm of which he is the senior partner. He qualified as a solicitor in 1951 after joining the firm in 1936. Mr Brewer specializes in commercial and company law and has had several receiverships.

Poles take boat to Rotterdam

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cut-price stereo equipment warehouses. A cheaply purchased video recorder can net the commercially minded Pole $300 (£250) profit when he returns to the motherland. Changed on the black market (at five times the official exchange rate) that can more than cover the cost of the cruise.

The most astonishing black market cruise was related to me by the son of well-to-do parents. Three Poles booked themselves on to a summer Mediterranean cruise starting from Odessa on a Soviet liner, but made the initial investment of buying $200 worth of jeans.

These were sold at 30 roubles a pair in the corridors of the Moscow-Odessa express and the roubles were then used in the main to buy sheets of silver acetate and household drills on the flourishing dockside black market in Odessa.

The cruise began: at the first stop, in Bulgaria, the Poles bought Turkish currency (readily available on the illegal Bulgarian exchange). At a stopover in Turkey, the drills and silver acetate were exchanged for leather coats and handbags; in Greece the leather was sold and the gang bought lambswool; in Naples the wool was sold for Italian lire.

At every stop, the three passengers (first off the ship, last on) were also amassing hard currency profits. The final stop before returning to the Soviet bloc was Lebanon, where the Italian lire were changed into dollars and used to buy 5,000 University of Nebraska T-shirts.

The Odessa customs were bribed and the T-shirts were sold for a small rouble fortune. In Moscow the roubles were used to buy diamonds which were smuggled with ease back into Poland. One of the three then travelled to Sweden, where he sold the diamonds for some $50,000.

According to another version of this story, engraved in the hearts of all big time Polish black marketeers, the Pole who went to Sweden to cash in the diamonds decided to defect and has now married (bigamously) a Swedish girl.

True or not, it smacks of the rough justice of Greek mythology and perhaps that is the correct way of approaching the Polish cruise: An odyssey in search of the burnished dreams of the West or the crock of gold tucked away in the black markets of the Soviet Bloc.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Bath Children's Art, Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, Bath; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5, closed at 5 24 Dec; 25, 26, and 27 Dec, 1 Jan. (ends Jan 5).

Costumes from the theatre group Centre Ocean Stream, Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southampton; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5; closed 24, 25 and 26 Dec. (ends Jan 6).

Summertime oil paintings, watercolours and prints, Sladebrook House, 222 Englishcombe Lane, Bath, Mon to Sun 10 to 6. (ends Dec 9).

Music

Concert by the Marlborough College Chamber Choir, St Stephen's Church, Lansdown, Bath, 7.30.

Concert by Peterborough String Orchestra, Central Hall, Grimsby, 7.30.

Concert by the Nash Ensemble Birmingham Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Treorchy Male Voice Choir, Assembly Rooms, Bath, 7.45.

Handel's Messiah by Chester Bach Singers and Orchestra, Malpas Parish Church, Cheshire, 7.30.

Concert by the Newcastle Upon Tyne Bach Choir, St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 7.30.

Concert by the Royal Leamington Spa Bach Choir, All Saints, *Leamington Spa*, 7.30.

Concert by the Hallé Orchestra, City Hall, Barkers Pool, Sheffield, 7.

Concert by the Bolton Chamber Orchestra, St Andrew and St George Church, St George's Road, Bolton, 8.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 7.45.

Concert by the Edinburgh Royal Choral Union with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburh, 7.30.

Concert by the Reading Phoenix Choir, the Hexagon, Queens Walk, Reading, 7.30.

Christmas Music

Family Christmas and Carol Concert, Thaxted Church, Thaxted, Essex, 6.30.

Concert by the South Glamorgan Youth Orchestra and Choir and St David's Cathedral Choir, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Concert by East Riding County Choir, Beverley Miners, 7.00.

Handel's Messiah by Canterbury Choral Society, Canterbury cathedral, 7.30.

General

Christmas Craft Fair, Sandwich Guildhall, 10 to 5.

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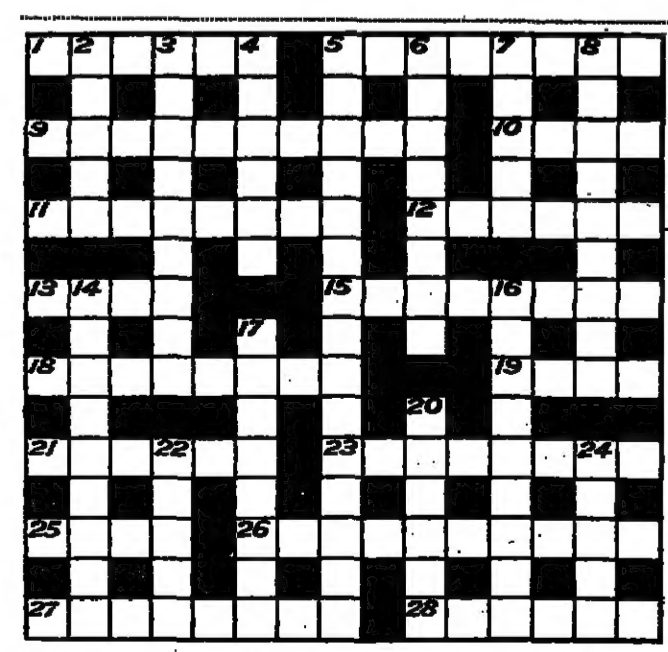


A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are:
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Name ....

Address ....



ACROSS

1 In the alphabet, A strikes us as the top capital (6).
5 Encroach into the ornamental border (8).
9 Bury bounder who trades without a licence (10).
10 Roman copper holds a pound for tunics (4).
11 Pander to expert medico (8).
12 Religion some rush into (6).
13 The full extent of what Eve did (4).
15 A frenzy of war cries and whirling blades (8).
18 Mighty man of valour with a lot of bottle (8).
19 Girl I lost to a Frenchman (4).
21 Figured material would make daughter a disguise for the ball (6).
23 Nasal tissue a surgeon may take out, as one did (8).
25 Sudden attack in side street leaves feeling of irritation (4).
26 Bloated feature of toast (6,4).
27 Like Jeanie, not a gent's first choice (8).
28 How all the players leave Hamlet (6).

DOWN

2 Stupid mistake in the French for Good Queen Bess (5).
3 Noise build-up makes soccer end in disorder (9).
4 About last month Southern Rail was set to close (6).
5 The prescribed length here, say, for the Emperor Waltz? (8,7).
6 Timber! Warning cry covers road and rail (8).
7 Terrorists question one from Kurdistan, possibly (5).
8 Shuttle agent (2-7).
14 Wretched versifier as judge of The Raven's author (9).
16 Ornament rolled over, hit by vehicle (9).
17 The pattern of a dance (5,3).
20 Sound chap to put a tyre on (6).
22 No retreat for Maugham's agent, who turns grey (5).
24 Stoop to a great one, say (5).

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Tomorrow's events

Music

Recital by Brian Rayner Cook (baritone), Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent, Canterbury, 8.

Concert by the Isle of Thanet *Symphony Orchestra, Winter Gardens*, Margate, 3.

Concert by the Basildon Youth Philharmonia, Towngate Theatre, Basildon, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, City Hall, Glasgow, 7.30.

Concert by the Perth Choral Society, City Hall, Perth, 7.30.

Advent Carols and Music by St Mary's Special Choir and Orchestra, Monmouth Parish Church, Gwent, 7.30.

Recital by Maldwyn Davies (tenor) and Iain Ledingham (piano), Weymouth Grammar School, Dorset, 3.

Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society perform Mendelssohn's "Elijah", Wells Cathedral, 2.30.

General

Aristos Quality Craft Fair, Stamford School Hall, Stamford, Lincs, 10.30-6.30.

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In the garden

Where vigorous bush roses such as "Queen Elizabeth" have made long new growths it is wise to reduce these by about a third of their length to lessen the danger of "whiplash" in strong winds. If this happens, as it can also do with young trees or *shrubs, a hollow is formed round* the base of the plant. If this fills with water and freezes it can cause damage or death.

Give the lawn its last cut of the year. If the mower needs servicing or blades sharpening have this done immediately – if you leave it until spring you may have to join a queue. All electric garden appliances and installations should be checked by a competent electrician every three years.

Remember 1962! Have a supply of sand, grit or salt handy in case of frost on paths, steps and sloping drives. Also, keep a pole or long cane handy to knock snow off branches and hedges. *R.H.*

Anniversaries

TODAY

Births: Alexandra, Queen Consort of Edward VII, Copenhagen, 1844; Ernst Toller, dramatist and poet, Samotschin (Szamocin, Poland), 1893. Deaths: Lorenzo Ghiberti, sculptor, Florence, 1455; Saint Edmund Campion, Jesuit martyr (canonized 1970), executed, London, 1581; Vincent D'Indy, composer, Paris, 1931; Sir Peter Buck, anthropologist, physician and politician, Honolulu, 1951; David Ben Gurion, first Prime Minister of Israel 1948-53, 1955-63, 1973.

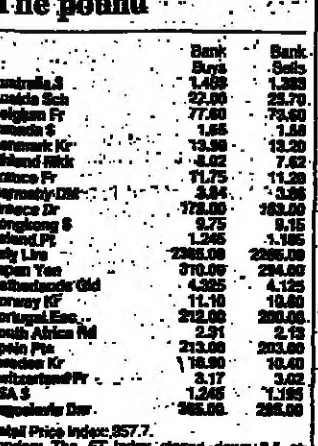
TOMORROW

Births: Georges Seurat, Pointillist painter, Paris, 1859; George Minot, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Boston Massachussets, 1885. Deaths: Hernán Cortés, conquistador, Seville, 1547; Gerardus Mercator, cartographer, Duisberg, Germany, 1594; John Brown, abolitionist, executed, Charlestown, Virginia, 1859.

The papers

Commenting on the death of a *taxi driver, taking a miner to work* in a police convoy, the Daily Express says: "It is time the Government, acting as agent for the law, took off the gloves. For the present softly-softly approach matches neither the challenge posed nor the mood of the people. The breaches in the law – common, civil and criminal – provide a dossier of shame." It asks why the police have been so hesitant to prosecute and why the magistrates so slow to try cases so that the backlog runs into thousands.

The pound



	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.488	1.388
Austria Sch	22.00	20.70
Belgium Fr	77.80	73.60
Canada $	1.66	1.58
Denmark Kr	13.90	13.20
Finland Mkk	8.02	7.62
France Fr	11.75	11.20
Germany DM	3.84	3.66
Greece Dr	172.00	163.00
Hongkong $	9.75	9.15
Ireland Pt	1.245	1.185
Italy Lira	2365.00	2255.00
Japan Yen	310.00	294.00
Netherlands Gld	4.325	4.125
Norway Kr	11.10	10.60
Portugal Esc	212.00	200.00
South Africa Rd	2.31	2.13
Spain Pta	213.00	203.00
Sweden Kr	10.90	10.40
Switzerland Fr	3.17	3.02
USA $	1.245	1.185
Yugoslavia Dnr	305.00	285.00

Retail Price Index: 357.7.

London: The *FT* Index closed down 8.5 at 917.3.

Roads

Wales and West: M4: One lane for eastbound traffic today on Severn Bridge 8am today to 4.30pm tomorrow one lane for westbound carriage way into Wales from 12 noon until 4pm today. M4: Only one lane westbound between *junctions 17 and 18 Cirencester* to Bath section.

Midlands: A458: Temporary signals at Shelton, west of Shrewsbury. A426/A427: High Street, Lutterworth, Leicestershire closed Northbound. M6 Lanes closed on both carriageways between junction 3 (Bedworth) and 4 (M42).

North: A125: Roadworks on Great North Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. A616: Traffic control by temporary signals from Deepcar, through Stockbridge to Langsett.

Scotland: A706: Lanark to Forth road closed to through traffic at Cleghorn level crossing tomorrow from 7am until 5pm diversions via *the A70, A743, and A73 to Lanark*. A978: Waverley Place and Albert Street, Aberdeen, closed. A74: Inside lane of London Road, Glasgow, between Mount Vernon Road and Carlyle Avenue.

Portfolio

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 28).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+1	+3	+2	+3	+1		
2	+5	+2	+1	+3	–1		
3	–1	+5	+2	+2	–1		
4	+5	+2	+1	+2	+2		
5	+3	+5	+1	+4	+1		
6	–1	+3	+2	+2	+2		
7	–1	+4	+1	+4	+2		
8	+4	+2	–1	+4	+1		
9	+5	+3	+1	+2	–1		
10	+2	+5	+1	+3	+1		
11	+2	+3	+2	+4	+5		
12	+2	+4	+3	+1	+1		
13	+2	+6	+2	+1	+3		
14	+3	+5	+1	+2	+1		
15	+2	+4	+3	+2	+5		
16	+3	+3	+2	+2	+5		
17	+2	+6	+2	+3	+2		
18	+2	+4	+3	+1	–1		
19	+3	+3	+2	+2	–1		
20	+2	+7	+2	+3	+4		
21	–1	+5	+2	+5	+2		
22	+3	+5	+1	+2	+2		
23	–1	+6	+1	+2	–1		
24	–2	+5	+3	+2	–1		
25	–1	+5	+1	+5	+8		
26	+2	+5	+5	+2	+5		
27	+4	+6	+2	+3	–3		
28	+3	+5	+2	+5	–2		
29	+1	+6	+1	+3	–1		
30	–2	+5	+3	+3	+5		
31	+1	+2	+3	+3	+5		
32	+1	+4	+3	+1	+8		
33	+2	+3	+3	–1	+2		
34	+1	+4	+3	+1	+2		
35	+1	+2	+5	+2	+3		
36	+1	+6	+2	+1	+8		
37	+1	+3	+5	–1	+1		
38	+1	+4	+3	+1	+4		
39	+1	+7	+3	+1	+1		
40	+2	+3	+3	+3	+2		

Weather

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, NE England, East Anglia: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of rain after a dry start; wind S fresh to strong; max temp 9C to 11C (48 to 52F).

Central S, NW, central N England, E Midlands, N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland: Outbreaks of rain, brighter later; wind S fresh to strong becoming W moderate; max temp 9C to 11C (48 to 52F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy, rain in places at first, brighter, showery later; wind SW light to moderate; max temp 9C to 11C (48 to 52F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain; wind S fresh to strong becoming moderate; max temp 7C to 9C (45 to 48F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, becoming brighter in W; wind SW light to moderate; max temp 7C to 8C (45 to 46F).

Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals after early fog patches, isolated showers; wind variable light, becoming W; max temp 7C to 8C (45 to 46F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Bright and mainly dry weather in W and S, extending to all areas. Scattered showers in N and near W coasts. Temperatures near normal, becoming a little colder on Monday.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind S to SE strong to gale; sea very rough. English Channel (E): Wind S to SE strong decreasing moderate or fresh; sea very rough becoming moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW moderate locally fresh; sea moderate becoming slight.



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled; temperature in fahrenheit.

TODAY



Sun rises: 7.44 am Sun sets: 3.55 pm

Moon rises: 1.37 pm Moon sets: 12.54 am, tomorrow

Full Moon: December 8.

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.45 am Sun sets: 3.54 pm

Moon sets: 2.54 pm Moon rises: 1.49 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

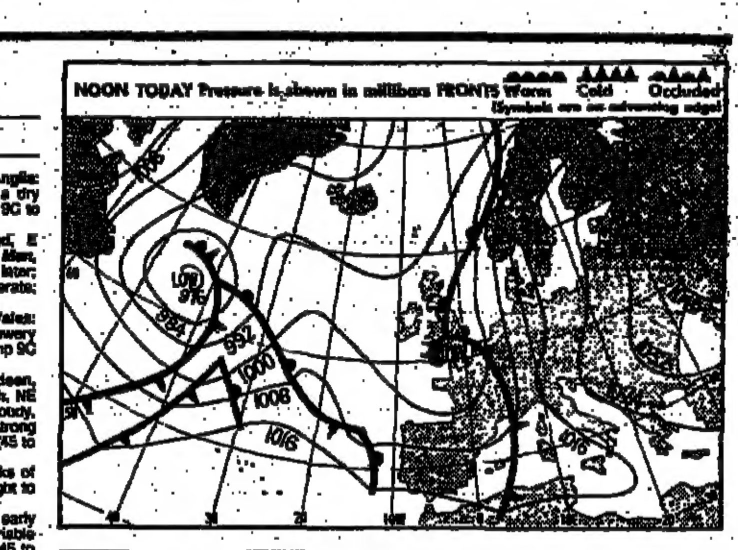
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	12	54	Guernsey	c	12	54
Birmingham	c	11	52	Inverness	f	13	55
Blackpool	f	11	52	Jersey	c	12	54
Bristol	r	13	55	London	s	13	55
Cardiff	f	11	52	Manchester	c	11	52
Edinburgh	f	11	52	Newcastle	c	9	48
Glasgow	c	11	52	Ronaldsway	c	11	52

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland Isles 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Benbecula 1.6in; highest sunshine: Folkestone 4.7hrs.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.7. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 998 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.



High tides

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Around Britain

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Abroad

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